

AN END TO ENDLESS WAR

A Proposal for National War Tax Action 2018-2019

The following is a beginning take at thinking this idea through and needs many more hearts and minds to contribute wisdom, ideas and passion!

War Tax Action ***on a national scale***—an effective way to express our strong desire for change in our national priorities toward valuing people, peace and planet rather than destructive international military escapades and threats.

—Organize a ***Call To End Endless War*** to both national and local peace, environmental, social change, racial justice, political (remember Libertarians are against both war and taxes!) and community groups. Highlight how the unnecessary wars our government engages in abroad (and at home) are impoverishing our country. After 16 years of increasingly bloated military budgets, most Americans from all sides feel desperation and resistance. If we work together at local and national levels to take action, we can begin to shrink the war economy and redirect our country's financial energy to positive aims.

—A National War Tax Action could have two parts. The first would aim toward promoting April 15, 2018 as **Tax Day for People, Peace and Planet**, in preparation for the larger **Tax Day for People, Peace and Planet** in 2019. In 2018 those participating would withhold a relatively safe 10% of their war taxes (some might choose to withhold more) and withhold all war taxes (whatever amount feels comfortable) the second year.

—Educate and activate people in local grassroots and national groups about war taxes and the effectiveness and safety of a large national campaign uniting and amplifying individual actions of withholding war taxes. Introduce what our taxes support and the philosophy, history and details of implementing War Tax Actions in webinars, workshops, newsletters, YOU TUBE, TED talks, as well as national, regional and local gatherings, etc. The object would be to get thousands the first year and tens of thousands the second year to sign up and do a coordinated and supported tax action (as well as support the campaign). They would agree to withhold 10% of their war taxes the first year (some might choose to withhold more) and to let the IRS know what they are doing. The second year they would withhold all of their war taxes (or whatever feels comfortable). The IRS, if confronted with tens of thousands of resisters, would have a difficult time collecting or prosecuting, thus making a national action safer than individual actions.

—Withholding your taxes is a scary thing for many people. It is disobeying the law and there can be penalties. However if large enough numbers withhold some portion of their taxes the IRS would most likely be unable or unwilling to pursue and prosecute everyone.

—Obviously such a campaign would have to be funded properly and people hired to run it to get 10-50,000 people to sign up and make pledges. To communicate with other activists about this idea, please email nwtrcc@nwtrcc.org.