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WHEREAS, since the 1970's, candidates for the Office of the President of the United States have regularly, routinely, and voluntarily released their full tax return, some going back fifteen years or more, for public examination; and

WHEREAS, a candidate's tax returns, when considered with required financial disclosure forms, present a more complete picture of a candidate's financial dealings, financial positions, financial partnerships, financial interests, personal character and credibility, values and priorities, and how their judgment might be affected by their financial interests, transactions and debts, as well as any conflicts, both domestic and foreign, which may impact the individual's position on specific issues of public policy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that delegates of the Guilford County Democratic Party Convention urge the North Carolina General Assembly to pass legislation requiring the incumbent President of the United States and all future presidential candidates to produce their most recent ten (10) years of tax filings to the Federal Election Commission for disclosure to the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any presidential candidate who fails to release his or her tax returns to the public should not be allowed to appear on the ballot as a candidate for President of the United States in the State of North Carolina.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

A2. RESOLUTION URGING NORTH CAROLINA'S U.S. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS AND END GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT (CG3B)

WHEREAS, due to political party disparities or budgetary gaps, Congress is not always able to meet spending bill deadlines; however, during such incidents, the Federal government usually continues to run through the passage of continuing resolutions, rather than through a government shutdown;

WHEREAS, workers within the Federal government, contract workers for the Federal government, essential and non-essential Federal workers and essential and non-essential Federal agencies can all be negatively impacted by the lack of funding resulting from a government shutdown;

WHEREAS, such negative impacts occur in secondary agencies on the Federal and State level causing economic harm to state and federal workers, agencies and programs and the all citizens;

WHEREAS, leadership in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate did not lose wages during the most recent government shutdown while many United States citizens lost wages and faced economic hardship and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, during the most recent government shutdown, vital components of our country, including our National Park Service, TSA, FAA, Border Security, the Intelligence community, the Federal Judiciary, the IRS, the FDA, and countless other agencies, were neglected and adversely affected;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges our Senators and Representatives in the U.S. Congress to stop government shutdowns by the Executive Branch and to utilize continuing budgetary resolutions (CR) to maintain full funding to alleviate dangerous and negative impacts across the United States while they work to resolve funding disagreements.

CONGRESSIONAL TOWN HALL MEETINGS

A3. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS TO BE REQUIRED TO HOLD REGULAR, NON-PRESCREENED, TOWN HALL MEETINGS IN THEIR DISTRICTS, THE SAME TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ALL THEIR CONSTITUENTS (CG3B)

WHEREAS, members of the U.S. Congress represent the constituents of their respective districts and serve at the pleasure of those constituents;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a deliberate and civil dialogue between citizens and their elected officials in order to assure appropriate, fair, and mindful representation of all constituents, not just the constituents who are aligned with the Member’s party affiliation;

WHEREAS, constituents should be allowed a period of time during such Town Hall Meetings to make inquiries regarding pending legislative action that may occur and to provide input into said pending legislative action that may be voted on at a later time to ensure their Representative is aware of the constituents concerns and positions regarding such legislation; and

WHEREAS, members of the U.S. Congress should take positions on the issues based on the concerns and needs of their constituents and should more fairly reflect positions held by their collective constituents rather than reflecting the demands and pressures of their political parties, donors, lobbyists, and lobbying groups;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges its members of the U.S. Congress to hold regular, open-to-the-public, Town Hall Meetings for their constituents and that such meetings not be prescreened or orchestrated to prevent an open exchange of opinions and ideas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges all voters to hold their Congressional members accountable on Election Day when those members pass legislation that is in direct opposition to the needs, benefits, and desires of their constituents and that creates a negative impact on the majority of their constituents.

REDISTRICTING

A4. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION FOR THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE, NON-PARTISAN, REDISTRICTING OF N.C. VOTING MAPS (CG3B, G40A2, H19B, and JAM1)

WHEREAS, our Nation and our State are experiencing serious divisions and mutual distrust between political parties;

WHEREAS, it is human nature for the party in power to seek to perpetuate its power; and

WHEREAS, the perception by others of that perpetuation of power serves to further that division and mistrust;

WHEREAS, elected officials representing gerrymandered safe districts tend to only be replaced from within their own party by persons with even more extreme views, accentuating the polarity in our legislative bodies, perpetuating gridlock, and reducing opportunities for compromise;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina remains one of the most gerrymandered states in the country;

WHEREAS, partisan influence dominates the overall process of drawing N.C. House, N.C. Senate, and/or U.S. Congressional Districts to curry favor with election outcomes instead of due process to hear and recognize the opinions and voices of citizens living in a viable demographic area; and

WHEREAS, ongoing voter voices are suppressed, no longer reflect the collective majority of needs within our communities, or given weight in determining positive outcomes for citizens impacted as opposed to a candidate securing a partisan victory;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the North Carolina General Assembly to establish an independent, non-partisan Commission charged with redistricting at, redistricting process that provides a transparent, concise, bipartisan process in which impartial, geographical, demographics impact the electoral outcome across North Carolina; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Guilford County Democratic Party urge the North Carolina General Assembly to adopt the process to ensure fair constituent representation for future mapping disparities, and to adopt mapping integrity for future elections.

A5. RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE PARTISAN GERRYMANDERING, TO SUPPORT EFFORTS OF COMMON CAUSE AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IN OPPOSITION TO PARTISAN GERRYMANDERING AND TO ENCOURAGE THE NCDP TO KEEP THE ELECTORATE INFORMED ON THIS ISSUE (H19B and JAM1))

WHEREAS, partisan gerrymandering creates a government that is not representative of the electorate; **WHEREAS**, partisan gerrymandering by either party does a disservice to the voters of our state by eliminating a meaningful choice at the polls;

WHEREAS, an analysis of N.C.'s 2018 Election results show a near equal divide among Democrat and Republican votes cast, but the 2018 Election yielded a near supermajority of Republicans elected at the State level and a 10-to-3 majority of Republicans elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; and **WHEREAS**, Republican legislators have brazenly stated on the record that they carefully crafted the Congressional map “to give a partisan advantage to 10 Republicans and 3 Democrats”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the North Carolina Democratic Party to work to keep our voters informed of the progress made in our State and Federal Courts regarding the various partisan redistricting case(s) brought before them;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the North Carolina Democratic Party to work to keep our voters informed of the progress made by the North Carolina Legislature on non-partisan redistricting legislation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party supports the efforts of Common Cause and the League of Women Voters to bring the North Carolina gerrymandering cases before the court(s); and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party and its members continue our commitment to keep the general public informed of the basic unfairness of partisan gerrymandering in our state through sustained issue advocacy.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

A6. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOLITION OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE (G40A2)

WHEREAS, the Electoral College came into existence to insure that there were candidates for President, and after 1800 candidates or Vice President, from all sections of the United States;

WHEREAS, the Electoral College came into existence at a time when mass communications did not exist and when people in one section of the country were less likely to know other sectional leaders;

WHEREAS, political parties have now long performed the function of candidate selection;

WHEREAS, the formula for selecting Electors to the Electoral College, i.e. two Senators plus the number of Representatives based on population from each State, favors smaller, less-populated states; and

WHEREAS, several times in U.S. history, the popular vote winner has lost the election to the Electoral College vote winner;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party supports the abolition of the Electoral College.

REPRESENTATION/LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY

A7. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATION (FEN2)

WHEREAS, adherence to the Constitution, personal integrity, respect for science and historical precedent, and responsiveness to citizens' views are crucial to the political process; and

WHEREAS, displaying personal integrity and cooperation are increasingly difficult in our currently polarized political climate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party supports elected officials, judicial officials, and law enforcement personnel who uphold the Constitution, display personal integrity and respect scientific research and historical precedent to effectively represent their constituents' views.

A8. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY (G13)

WHEREAS, the right of the People to effectively participate in the governmental process is paramount to democracy;

WHEREAS, such participation cannot be effective without the opportunity to know what laws are proposed and to provide feedback to lawmakers;

WHEREAS, the Republican leaders of the N.C. General Assembly have regularly adopted legislation with no notice and upon a "midnight vote";

WHEREAS, such legislative processes erode the very foundation of liberty and participatory democracy; and

WHEREAS, electoral gerrymandering has impaired the opportunity for responding to such actions through the ballot box;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party encourages the members of the N.C. General Assembly to not allow any legislation to come up for a vote without prior public notice and a sufficient period for public and legislative review.

CITIZENS UNITED

A9. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING THAT THE RIGHTS EXTENDED BY THE CONSTITUTION ARE THE RIGHTS OF NATURAL PERSONS ONLY (H06)

WHEREAS, resolutions are an important part of the North Carolina Democratic Party and its proceedings;

WHEREAS, concentration of wealth and power endangers our democracy and threatens to turn our government into an oligarchy¹;

WHEREAS, corporations are not natural persons;

WHEREAS, money is not speech;

WHEREAS, artificial entities are subject to the rule of law;

WHEREAS, service men and woman put their lives and health at risk to defend democracy;
WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the populace to assure that the sacrifices of our service men and women are not made "in vain, that this nation shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth";²

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 125 (HJR 125) of the 2015 session of General Assembly of North Carolina proposed that the General Assembly call on Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification an amendment to the Constitution to affirm that constitutional rights belong only to natural persons; that spending money "to influence elections is not protected free speech under the First Amendment"; "that the privileges of artificial entities" are not "inherent or inalienable and are subject to regulation by the people, through federal, State or local law"; and that nothing in the proposed amendment would "abridge the freedom of the press."; ³

WHEREAS, HJR 125 was referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations on March 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, HJR 125 missed the legislative crossover deadline;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party has determined that artificial entities, such as corporations and labor unions, are legal entities that government regulates and that the privileges they enjoy under the United States Constitution should be more narrowly defined than the rights that are afforded to human beings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party encourages the members of the US Congress that represent Guilford County to co-sponsor legislation whose sections listed below will be effective "upon ratification by three-fourths of the several States:"

“ SECTION 1. The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only. Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability companies, and other entities, established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to regulation by the People, through Federal, State, or local law. The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined by the People, through Federal, State, or local law, and shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

*“ SECTION 2. Federal, State and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures, including a candidate’s own contributions and expenditures, to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their economic status, have access to the political process, and that no person gains, as a result of that person’s money, substantially more access or ability to influence in any way the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure. Federal, State, and local governments shall require that any permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed. The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment.”;*⁴

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the North Carolina Democratic Party to encourage members of the North Carolina General Assembly to propose and submit a joint resolution to the General Assembly which contains the two sections listed above and that requires the Secretary of State to send certified copies of this resolution to all members of the North Carolina congressional delegation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the North Carolina Democratic Party to call upon the Democratic legislative delegation to the General Assembly to call upon the committee assigned to the proposed resolution to insist that the committee release the proposal in a timely manner bringing it to a vote before the end of the legislative session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges all Democrats to commit their actions, time, ideas, energy, treasury and prayers toward ensuring integrity of the electoral process and the democracy that it serves, henceforth and forevermore.

¹Gilens, Martin. Affluence and Influence Economic Inequality and Political Power in America. Princeton University Press.

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

³House Joint Resolution 125, General Assembly of North Carolina, Session 2015

⁴H. J. Res 48, in the House of Representative, January 30 2017

HEALTHCARE

A10. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND EFFECTIVE HEALTHCARE FOR ALL NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS (CG3B, G40A2, H06)

WHEREAS, access to healthcare is a fundamental human right as is, by extension, access to affordable and effective healthcare insurance regardless of pre-existing conditions ;

WHEREAS, citizens of North Carolina should be able to secure healthcare provider services to maintain individual health, seek preventive care, and afford acute care for emergency situations, or long-term, supportive care;

WHEREAS, healthcare can be accessed without discrimination in any manner that does not impede care to the patient;

WHEREAS, access is available to patients with a mutual understanding between parties of fees to be predetermined based on level of care, duration of care, expertise of care, in accordance with fair and reasonable local market rates; and

WHEREAS, access to affordable and effective care is an independent right regardless of medical healthcare/insurance held by the State or the Union, such as single payer, employer contribution programs, Affordable Care Act, Medicare/Medicaid;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the North Carolina General Assembly to mandate access to healthcare as right of every citizen of North Carolina.

A11. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "MEDICARE FOR ALL" LEGISLATION (FR5A, H06, SWASH)

WHEREAS, our current medical system leaves millions of people uninsured or underinsured, thereby severely limiting their access to medical care;

WHEREAS, limited access to medical care can be deadly;

WHEREAS, our current medical system rations care based on the ability to pay;

WHEREAS, under our current system of care, private corporate health insurers, often chosen by our employers, stand between us and our care providers by:

- determining which physicians and hospitals we can see;
- setting the amounts of deductibles and co-payments at levels that often make appropriate treatments impossible; and
- by denying claims for medical care that our medical providers judge medically necessary;

WHEREAS, many families with insurance have gone bankrupt because of the costs of a catastrophic illness and many families fear that they are one illness or accident away from financial ruin;

WHEREAS, employers in the United States who provide sound, comprehensive medical policies, with low deductibles and co-pays place themselves at a competitive disadvantage with foreign companies

whose countries use a single payer systems as well as with those American companies that provide less comprehensive packages;

WHEREAS, the current health care system creates a perverse incentive to companies to avoid having an “aging workforce” which would raise insurance premiums¹; and

WHEREAS, residents of the United States spent far more on health care per capital in 2015 than 15 other high income countries including Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom but did not have better outcomes²; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Friedman, Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, found that under the expired bill HR676, the US would have saved approximately 592 billion dollars per year:

Under the single-payer system created by HR 676, the U.S. could save an estimated \$592 billion annually by slashing the administrative waste associated with the private insurance industry (\$476 billion) and reducing pharmaceutical prices to European levels (\$116 billion). In 2014, the savings would be enough to cover all 44 million uninsured and upgrade benefits for everyone else. No other plan can achieve this magnitude of savings on health care.³

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party encourages all state and federal legislators to support a bill that would: cover every resident for all medically necessary care including vision, dental and long term care at the best standard of care; provide enrollees a full choice of providers; eliminate cost barriers; levy a predictable, stable medical payroll tax whose rate will be the same for all employers and provide a transparent mechanism for determining what care is covered and defining the best standard of care;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a bill be termed “Medicare for All”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party send a copy of its statement supporting Medicare for All to every congressman representing Guilford County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the North Carolina Democratic Party to encourage the North Carolina General Assembly to issue a joint resolution calling upon the United States House of Representatives to pass Medicare for All and requiring that the Secretary of State send a certified copy of this joint resolution to every member of Congress representing North Carolina.

¹Richard Masters, CEO of MCS, “Medicare for All” Town Hall 1/23/2018

² <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/issue-briefs/2015/oct/us-health-care-from-a-global-perspective>

³Funding H.R. 676: The Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act How we can afford a national single-payer health plan By Gerald Friedman, Ph.D. July 31, 2013

A12. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CLOSING THE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE GAP IN NORTH CAROLINA (G40A2)

WHEREAS, North Carolina has the opportunity to expand affordable health insurance to 400,000 people of the 1 million uninsured people;

WHEREAS, several hundred thousand of the approximately 400,000 of these individuals and families are childless adults and have no other affordable insurance options available to them, which has created a coverage gap;

WHEREAS, the development of a North Carolina strategy for closing this coverage gap in our state will allow us to strengthen and protect our economic prosperity and preserve the freedoms and opportunities that are cherished by the people and businesses of our state;

WHEREAS, covering the uninsured means better premium value for North Carolinians with private health insurance by lowering costs for everyone;

WHEREAS, providing health insurance coverage will help people, especially women of child bearing age, gain access to the care they need, which improves health outcomes;

WHEREAS, closing the coverage gap will provide health care for a significant number of very low-income, childless adults who are not eligible for any state or federal health care assistance;

WHEREAS, closing the coverage gap will promote access to behavioral and physical health therapy and treatment for low-income citizens struggling with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders;

WHEREAS, a North Carolina plan to close the coverage gap could create as many as 43,000 new jobs statewide, according to a study by the Center for Health Policy Research at The George Washington University;

WHEREAS, closing the coverage gap in North Carolina will bring \$5 billion a year in federal funding to the state;

WHEREAS, the state's cost in closing the coverage gap will be mostly offset by savings in the state budget plus additional government revenue generated by economic and job growth; and

WHEREAS, closing the coverage gap could strengthen the economy and bolster job growth in counties all across North Carolina, as well as improve health access for almost half a million North Carolinians;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party strongly encourages its legislators to pass legislation closing the coverage gap for all North Carolina citizens earning at or below 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, in accordance with provisions of the federal law.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF OFFICIALS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

A13. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING ELECTED OFFICIALS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABLE AND FURTHER DEVELOPING LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR LONG TERM DEMOCRATIC PARTY SUCCESS (G72)

WHEREAS, elected officials should be held accountable to serve the people in their communities, listen to their concerns and act accordingly;

WHEREAS, elected officials should serve with transparency and honesty, for it is in the best interest for their constituents;

WHEREAS, elected officials should work towards facilitating the process of voting with fair and reasonable processes and requirements that do not adversely affect any group or community;

WHEREAS, law enforcement should be held accountable for the mistreatment of people, be it unequal or excessive;

WHEREAS, law enforcement should make it a priority to develop positive relationships with the people in at-risk communities;

WHEREAS, law enforcement should make it a priority to receive unconscious/implicit bias training and understand how this affects the actions police officers take on a daily basis;

WHEREAS, law enforcement should make it a priority to further develop and utilize de-escalation methods; and

WHEREAS, precincts are responsible for encouraging our youth to exercise their right to vote and participating in the democratic system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party should encourage its precinct meetings to be committed to prioritizing the above principles and garnering the support of the community to ensure success for Democratic Party candidates and elected officials.

A14. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REDUCING THE EVICTION RATE IN GUILFORD COUNTY (G47)

WHEREAS, the rate of eviction filings at 19.4% in Guilford County is one of the highest in our State according to the Budget & Tax Center analysis of ADCVCAP data, Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and ACS 5-year estimates, 2012-2016;

WHEREAS, evictions have major negative impacts on tenants' access to adequate housing, including denial of housing by future landlords and rendering tenants and their families ineligible for housing assistance;

WHEREAS, living in substandard housing conditions puts families at a higher risk of poor health due to structural deficiencies and environmental contaminants, which can have lasting consequences for young children;

WHEREAS, evictions also negatively impact the mental health of both adults and children, contributing to public health crises such as addiction;

WHEREAS, unstable housing arrangements are particularly threatening to the wellbeing of children, who are consequently more likely to seek treatment in emergency rooms for medical services, be underweight for their ages, be at higher risk for developmental delays, and have to change schools and social groups mid-schoolyear; and

WHEREAS, keeping people in their homes is a healthier, more economical alternative to eviction, with fewer negative outcomes for tenants and their families, our communities, and society at large;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party strongly encourages the Guilford County Commissioners, members of the Greensboro City Council, members of the High Point City Council, and members of the North Carolina General Assembly to provide the funding for diversion assistance and for evaluation and study of the return on investment savings to local government, economy, social services, landlords, and families;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Guilford County Democratic Party strongly encourages the North Carolina General Assembly and the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court to revise District Court procedures so that they no longer favor landlords; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party encourages the North Carolina Democratic Party to advocate for programs that will keep residents in their homes and landlords paid their due without the negative impacts resulting from eviction filings.

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DISABILITY INTEGRATION ACT

A15. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISABILITY INTEGRATION ACT HR 555 AND 117 (H21)

WHEREAS, nursing homes and other institutions are often abusive, including rape, to the elderly and disabled young;

WHEREAS, nursing homes are vastly more expensive than community-based care, when community-based facilities are struggling to stay afloat;

WHEREAS, nursing homes may leave people to die in natural disasters;
WHEREAS, the current Congress is rolling back protections for the disabled;
WHEREAS, funding has been threatened;
WHEREAS, passing the Disability Integration Act (S. 117 H.R. 555) would reverse decades of institutional bias and give people access to in-home care so they can stay in their communities;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we must stand with nursing home residents to fight for their rights and protections to reduce abuse; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we must fight to keep and even expand funding to better care for the disabled and elderly; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Home Health Care Services should be included into the Disability Act with The Disability Integration Act; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Guilford County Democratic Party calls on our Congressional representatives to pay attention to and support The Disability Integration Act (S.117, H.R. 555); and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it's time to pass The Disability Integration Act (S.117, H.R. 555); and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will hold our Senators and Representatives accountable to pass the Disability Integration Act by holding them accountable in their next election.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A16. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR IMPOSING PRICE CAPS ON NON CURRENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS (CG3B & SWASH)

WHEREAS, data collected from various reports, namely used: *Global Health Justice Partnership Policy Paper (Yale, 2017)*, indicate such resolutions would benefit American citizens, overall healthcare costs, and access to medicines which support health across the nation;
WHEREAS, in key report findings States should target excessive pricing for both generic and brand-name drugs, both by prohibiting unfair launch prices and by capping annual price increases;
WHEREAS, findings stress states should mandate the public release of as much information as possible about pricing, as well as development, manufacturing, and marketing costs on a drug-by-drug basis;
WHEREAS, more than one in four Americans currently taking prescription medications report difficulty affording them, which impacts our fellow citizens across the nation as well as our North Carolina state;
WHEREAS, one in eight report that they or a family member have cut pills in half or skipped doses due to high drug costs;
WHEREAS, nearly two-thirds of Americans – regardless of political affiliation – believe that lowering the cost of prescription drugs should be a top policy priority; and
WHEREAS, these findings are indicative of healthcare in the United States, each State within the Union can legislate policies in which they hold Congressional/Senate leadership accountable in aiding big pharmaceutical companies responsible for unreasonably pricing structures;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the N.C. General Assembly to draft legislation that will seek and define Fair Pricing, Lobbying and Political Donations Transparency, and Legal Resources for N.C. citizens manipulated by price gouging; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the delegates from the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the Congressional/Senate Leadership to actively pursue legislation that requires top pharmaceutical companies to impose restructuring models to curb exorbitant pricing, or face Federal regulation.

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GUN CONTROL

A17. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REASONABLE GUN CONTROL AND BANNING MILITARY ASSAULT TYPE RIFLES (CG3B & FR5A)

WHEREAS, safety training, background checks, age limits are positive factors that do not impede 2nd amendment rights;

WHEREAS, the majority of U.S. citizens support reasonable factors that can allow gun ownership in a safer manner;

WHEREAS, securing accurate data is imperative which requires the U.S. Congress to appropriate funding for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to conduct research on gun violence and maintain the 1996 Dickey Amendment which prohibits CDC funds to be used for lobbying;

WHEREAS, private studies and research indicate that states with less restrictive laws have more gun violence than those states with more restrictive laws, thus it can be extrapolated that tighter background checks, safety training; age requirements, and liability laws can impact these outcomes in a positive manner;

WHEREAS, collected numbers shows that there are approximately 40,000 gun related deaths in 2017; of those 60% are suicides and 2% are accidental;

WHEREAS, mass shootings due to large quantity of ammunition has a taken unrivaled toll on our country, a number of the shootings taking place in our schools;

WHEREAS, there is no discernible sporting or self-defense justification for military-style assault rifles,

WHEREAS, the lethality of these weapons has been demonstrated in multiple mass shooting events;

WHEREAS, the weapon of choice of mass shootings is an assault weapon, with high capacity clips and in one case a “bump stock”, none of these (assault weapons, high capacity clips, or “bump stock”) are constitutionally protected;

WHEREAS, evidence shows that Child-Access Prevention laws decrease both suicides among children and accidental death/injuries; evidence also indicates that background checks reduce gun violence while Stand-Your -Ground laws increase violent crimes;

WHEREAS, studies show that homes with guns show a 41% higher chance of homicide; a 224% increase in the chance of suicide; 2 times the chance of a member of the household being murdered – this evidence shows that more guns do not mean more safety; and

WHEREAS, gun violence or accidents cannot totally be prevented, reasonable actions can be taken to reduce the amount of gun violence;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Guilford county Democratic Party urges the N.C. General Assembly to increase the minimum age of persons eligible for gun ownership - to be determined with committee input, create gun safety training with increased practice hours; and require households with guns to purchase and maintain liability insurance due to guns being listed as deadly weapons such as we do with automobiles;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party requests our N.C. General Assembly, U.S. Congressional Representatives, along with our U.S. Senators, provide adequate funding for gun violence research for the CDC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the N.C. General Assembly and our U.S. Representatives and Senators to support legislation that requires background checks on gun purchasers, that closes the gun-show loophole by requiring background checks on all gun sales, and that advocates for Child-Access Prevention laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the North Carolina General Assembly to pass legislation banning the sale and possession of military-style assault rifles in North Carolina.

ENVIRONMENT

A18. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING NORTH CAROLINA’S ENVIRONMENT (FEN2 & G13)

WHEREAS, Democrats have a long history of protecting and defending the environment;
WHEREAS, the General Assembly has in recent years ignored scientific research on climate change;
WHEREAS, the Trump administration and the NCGA has in recent years consistently deregulated previously successful environmental protections;
WHEREAS, the General Assembly has in recent years consistently pushed for offshore oil drilling;
WHEREAS, the General Assembly has in recent years consistently supported “fracking”;
WHEREAS, the National and North Carolina Democratic Party recognize the urgent importance of protecting human life through amply-funded governmental, science-based policies that maintain and enhance the resources essential to healthy living—clean water and soil, clean air, and healthy food; and
WHEREAS, we recognize the urgency of immediate action needed to push back against the entities that would damage or take away these essential resources we can see the horrific consequences that will come if we do nothing;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the GCDP act to influence the NCGA to restore stringent environmental controls based upon scientific research to preserve, protect, and defend North Carolina’s environment for the health and well-being of our children and grandchildren. This includes, but is not limited to, clean air and water, safe storage and disposal of toxic materials, an end to fracking and the threat of offshore drilling; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to make it our goal in this century that all children, everywhere, shall enjoy the benefits of clean water, clean air, and healthy food; for we recognize the humanity of all peoples and understand the need to restore the health of the environment.

RURAL OUTREACH/COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

A19. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RURAL OUTREACH (FRN2)

WHEREAS, Guilford County has many voters living in rural areas, and
WHEREAS, Democrats need to more effectively engage those rural voters, and
WHEREAS State Democratic Party Chair Wayne Goodwin has called for more outreach to rural voters, and
WHEREAS, the rural outreach program contributed to improved Democratic participation in the 2018 elections;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party shall continue our program of outreach to Guilford County’s rural voters.

A20. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS (FEN2)

WHEREAS, politics should be characterized by a positive and constructive conversation among citizens;
WHEREAS, the current political conversation is increasingly divisive; and
WHEREAS, Democrats aspire to be a party of responsibility, reason, and inclusion;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party is committed to continuing community conversations in which we shall listen respectfully to all viewpoints and respond with reasonable and constructive proposals to solve our shared problems.

VETERAN'S HEALTHCARE

A21. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NEW PARADIGM IN VETERANS' HEALTHCARE (FR4)

WHEREAS, Veterans' healthcare is in multiple ways a vital part of this nation's security;
WHEREAS, current Veterans healthcare too often requires extensive travel to available facilities;
WHEREAS, current facilities [VA Hospitals] too often maintain excessively long wait lists for care;
WHEREAS, referenced wait lists most often result in serious negative outcomes to veterans' health, including sometimes unnecessary and premature death; and
WHEREAS, virtually all VA acute care hospitals are affiliated with Medical Universities;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the Veteran's Administration to adopt a new paradigm for the care and treatment of our Veterans;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every veteran of the US Armed Forces be given a paid Medicare Account [Parts A, B, C, D, e.g.,] so that veterans may experience the same access to care as every other citizen; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party supports a plan by which all VA acute care hospitals and associated staff, equipment and supplies are absorbed by their affiliated medical universities over a period of five years.

ARBITRATION CLAUSES

A22. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BANNING MANDATORY PRE-DISPUTE ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS FROM CONTRACTS (FR5A)

WHEREAS, private companies have been able to override Congress's decisions and sidestep accountability under the law, and millions of consumers have found the courtroom doors locked through mandatory arbitration clauses¹;
WHEREAS, these clauses are found in many types of agreements: employment, health, internet services, etc.,²; and
WHEREAS, these contracts are not negotiated by parties of approximately equal bargaining power but are usually written by corporations who have the power to require acceptance of the clause as a condition of receiving services or being hired³;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party finds banning mandatory pre-dispute contracts necessary to redress consumer and employee harm and incentivize corporate legal compliance;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party shall issue a statement in support of legislation banning mandatory pre-dispute arbitration clauses in contracts;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party shall send a copy of this statement to every Congressperson representing Guilford County; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party calls upon the North Carolina General Assembly to issue a joint resolution calling upon the United States House of Representatives to pass legislation banning pre-dispute arbitration clauses from contracts and to require the Secretary of State to send a certified copy of this joint resolution to every member of Congress representing North Carolina.

¹ Wilmerhale.com, CFPB Releases Final Rule Banning Certain Pre-Dispute Arbitration Agreements CFPB Releases Final Rule Banning Certain Pre-Dispute Arbitration Agreements, Wilmerhale.com, July 12, 2017, <https://www.wilmerhale.com/en/insights/client-alerts/2017-07-12-cfpb-releases-final-rule-banning-certain-pre-dispute-arbitration-agreements> (quoting Richard Cordray, Former Director, CFPB).

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³Ibid. p. 56

⁴Wilmerhale.com

JOBS/INFRASTRUCTURE

A23. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF JOBS WHICH REPAIR OR IMPROVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (G14, G15, and SWASH)

WHEREAS, the American Society of Civil Engineers in its 2017 Infrastructure Report Card estimated that \$4.6 trillion in infrastructure work over ten years, needs to be accomplished, and that less than half of that amount is funded now;

WHEREAS, direct public investment in the United States public transportation network can meet the Nation’s infrastructure needs without selling off roads and bridges to private citizens and foreign entities;

WHEREAS, direct public investment in high speed rail transportation between cities could help eliminate congestion on highways, eliminate the necessity of more lanes, and save energy;

WHEREAS, any infrastructure package should include building high speed internet to ensure that this increasingly essential resource is available to all Americans in all areas of the country to promote economic development and public safety;

WHEREAS, any investment in the Nation’s roads and bridges must support the repair and rehabilitation of existing assets, improving their ability to withstand more extreme weather conditions, including relocating structures, targeting expansions to reduce congestion, improving air and water quality, and enabling job growth;

WHEREAS, infrastructure improvement will reduce accidents and reduce catastrophic spills and releases into the environment and communities of harmful substances, saving expensive cleanups and preventing harm to living things;

WHEREAS, the Nation must ensure that every child who attends a public school has safe facilities that contribute to a high-quality education, the Nation must invest in the construction, renovation, repair and modernization of its schools;

WHEREAS, public investment should aim to build resilient communities and infrastructure protection to ensure that the nation’s infrastructure can withstand cyber-attacks, physical attacks, and extreme weather conditions;

WHEREAS, no group of the Nation’s inhabitants should be left out of infrastructure improvement, public investment includes Tribal transportation and facilities;

WHEREAS, that this plan prioritizes public investment;

WHEREAS, that it advances the public good and safety along with better environmental protection;

WHEREAS, that it prioritizes racial and gender equity and environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, the plan engages with private industry to find new ways to expand passenger rail service for work and pleasure;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party supports an infrastructure plan that will invest in creating millions of new jobs through investments in infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this plan embraces 21st century clean, *sustainable* energy, including expanding solar and wind power, promoting energy efficiency, modernizing the electrical grid, and avoiding support for projects and jobs that promote fossil fuel use, hastening the disastrous effects of climate change.

EDUCATION

A24. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE REDUCTION OF PUBLIC TAX DOLLARS BEING ALLOCATED FOR THE SUPPORT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND ELIMINATION OF VOUCHERS FOR TUITION TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS (G27)

WHEREAS, well-funded public school education is essential to our democracy;

WHEREAS, the N. C. General Assembly passed legislation in 1996 that allowed tax dollars to be allocated to support a maximum of 100 charter schools;

WHEREAS, in 2017 Senate Bill 8 removed all limits on the number of N.C. charter schools;

WHEREAS, the state passed legislation allowing tax dollars to be allocated for vouchers for private school tuition;

WHEREAS, traditional public schools are thus deprived of money essential for paying teachers, teacher aids, up-to-date technology, teaching materials and supplies as well as valuable enriching experiences for students;

WHEREAS, charter and private schools may choose to accept or decline a student; and

WHEREAS, public schools are required to accept and meet the needs of all students in their respective districts;

WHEREAS, charter and private schools are not required to offer free and reduced-price lunches for students;

WHEREAS, charter schools and private schools are not required to provide student transportation; and

WHEREAS, individual charter schools create their own standards and curriculum as part of their autonomy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to preserve tax dollars for traditional public schools, the Guilford County Democratic Party calls on the N.C. General Assembly to reinstate the cap of 100 charter schools in the state and to reinstate the original purposes of charter schools, i.e. to emphasize expanding learning experiences for students who are at risk of failure or academically talented; to encourage creative teaching methods; and to share best practices with traditional public schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic party urges the N.C. General Assembly to preserve tax dollars for traditional public schools by passing legislation that eliminates the use of tax dollars to fund tuition vouchers to private schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the North Carolina Democratic Party to use every avenue available to educate legislators in the General Assembly about the need to reinstate the original 1996 cap of 100 charter schools in North Carolina and eliminate using tax dollars to fund tuition vouchers for private schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the North Carolina Democratic Party to provide information to Democrats across N.C. about the detrimental effect on traditional public schools of giving tax dollars to fund charter schools and vouchers for private school tuition and encourage Democrats to contact their legislators in the General Assembly to pass legislation that will eliminate use of tax dollars to support vouchers for private schools and to reinstate the cap of 100 charter schools in the state.

Information Sources

“Public Schools First NC/The Facts on Charter Schools” (Quick Facts on Charter Schools)

<http://ncpublicschools.org/information/topics?role=parents&&topic=Curriculum> <http://www.ncpolicywatch.com/2019/001/30/in-some-north-carolina-counties-traditional-schools-are-being-squeezed-by-charters/> (NC Policy Watch)

NET NEUTRALITY

A25. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE REINSTATEMENT OF NET NEUTRALITY (G28)

WHEREAS, Net Neutrality is defined as: the principle that Internet service providers should enable access to all content and applications regardless of the source, and without favoring or blocking particular products or websites;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission dismantled Net Neutrality on June 11, 2018;

WHEREAS, access to the internet is no longer a luxury service and has become a necessity in education, employment, personal finance, consumer awareness, and information literacy; and

WHEREAS, the government policy of Net Neutrality protects the internet as a free market place, and the absence of net neutrality violates a fundamental American principle of free trade. The absence of free trade puts small businesses at a disadvantage and gives businesses who can pay for search engine placement at an unfair advantage which allows consumer prices to rise in the absence of a competitive market place;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the North Carolina Democratic Party to research the effects of the dismantling of Net Neutrality and take steps to restore Net Neutrality to the United States of America henceforth and forevermore.

Information Sources

Small business, big impact: Far-reaching effects of net neutrality repeal

<http://techgenix.com/repeal-of-net-neutrality/>

Net Neutrality Has Officially Been Repealed. Here's How That Could Affect You.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/11/technology/net-neutrality-repeal.html>

Net Neutrality Explained: What It Means (and Why It Matters)

<http://fortune.com/2017/11/23/net-neutrality-explained-what-it-means-and-why-it-matters/>

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA)

A26. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RATIFICATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (H12 & H28)

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was first proposed in 1923 to affirm that women and men have equal rights under the law;

WHEREAS, the ERA was passed by Congress in 1972 but is still not part of the U.S. Constitution because the required 38 States have not yet ratified the ERA; and

WHEREAS, it is a moral imperative that people of all genders be afforded equal rights as men in our Constitution;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party calls upon the North Carolina Democratic Party, City Councilors, County Commissioners, and other local representatives to advocate with our State Legislators and United States Congressional Delegation to support the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, which will guarantee that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of gender and that Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of the ERA.

JAIL FEES

A27. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENDING JAIL FEES FOR PERIODS OF DETENTION (JAM1)

WHEREAS, in the State of North Carolina the court system penalizes the underserved, disadvantaged, and poverty-stricken citizen with excessive court costs and fees;

WHEREAS, fees are further assessed against individuals who are detained in jail pending a judicial hearing and/or who have been sentenced to probation with an active term of incarceration;

WHEREAS, such fees are excessive as imposed against defendants who are economically disenfranchised and typically considered indigent;

WHEREAS, citizens who are detained in legal custody for acts deemed as violations against civil, state, or federal laws should not be required to pay a financial penalty merely for being detained in said custody;

WHEREAS, detention centers are thus operating as a kind of debtors' prison, a form of social penance found to be unjust and discontinued at the federal level in 1833;

WHEREAS, when a defendant is determined to be financially unable to pay jail fees, the court indiscriminately transfers the fees to a civil judgment; and

WHEREAS, when jail fees are transferred to a civil judgment the defendant is placed in a double-jeopardy situation, subject to the collateral consequence of having their credit score negatively affected and so lose out on opportunities to qualify for financial assistance for student loans, car loans, apartment rental approvals, mortgage loans, etc.;

WHEREAS, when citizens are hindered from improving their social-economic situation as a result of such a double-jeopardy situation the citizen, family, and entire community suffer by way of increased taxes to pay for an increasingly overburdened social service safety net;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that statutory guidelines governing the imposition of jail fees against defendants who are found criminally liable shall be eliminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the judicial practice of charging defendants jail fees for periods of detention should cease henceforth and forevermore.

ENERGY

A28. RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING NORTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO PROMOTE 100% CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY (FR4 and H25)

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Democratic Party resolved in 2018 to support a statewide goal of moving towards 100% clean renewable energy by 2030, because 100% renewable energy can benefit all communities, especially low income communities and communities of color, which are disproportionately impacted by fossil fuel production, and because a just transition to 100% renewable energy will create significant numbers of high quality jobs;

WHEREAS, the residents of Guilford County recognize that protecting our natural resources, promoting conservation, and improving the environment is fundamentally important to the quality of life of all its citizens and is essential to maintaining a vibrant economy;

WHEREAS, investing in renewable energy will improve social mobility and economic advancement and further the growth of technological hubs, encourage the growth of the renewable industry, and create jobs in Guilford County and across the state; and

WHEREAS, local government policies and practices related to energy sources can have a substantial influence on the actions of citizens and businesses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party and the North Carolina Democratic Party support the adoption of local government policies and practices that promote the construction and retrofitting of governmental facilities by local government entities to be powered by 100% clean renewable energy, to the maximum extent feasible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party and the North Carolina Democratic Party support the adoption of local government policies and practices that promote the acquisition by local government entities of vehicles and equipment that are powered by 100% clean renewable energy, to the maximum extent feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party and the North Carolina Democratic Party support the adoption of local government policies and practices that promote construction by private developers of homes and buildings that are powered by 100% clean renewable energy, to the maximum extent feasible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party and the North Carolina Democratic Party support the adoption of local government policies and practices that condition the use of government funds and benefits for supporting economic development and community services on the applicants' commitment to the use and adoption of 100% clean renewable energy in their government-supported activities, to the maximum extent feasible.

LOCAL REPRESENTATION

A29. A RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM "RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIR LOCAL REPRESENTATION" (FR2)

WHEREAS, a resolution was introduced, and passed at the District 13 Convention of 2018;

WHEREAS, that resolution is now hung up at the State Democratic Resolutions Committee;

WHEREAS, that resolution has been 'tweaked' by the original author to comply with the above committee's recommendations;

WHEREAS, one of the Democratic Party's beliefs, as stated on <https://democrats.org/about/our-party/> is "that this country succeeds when everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same rules";

WHEREAS, a disproportionate majority of office holders are older, white males;

WHEREAS, racial minorities and women are underrepresented in the State and Federal governments;

WHEREAS, in order for unrepresented people to garner that representation, they need to run against the incumbents in primary elections;

WHEREAS, the DCCC, in its "Standards for DCCC Political Vendors" has stated "...*the DCCC will not conduct business with, nor recommend to any of its targeted campaigns, any consultant that works with an opponent of a sitting Member of the House Democratic Caucus,*" which undermines the ability of non-incumbents to run for office; and

WHEREAS, that policy is undemocratic and underscores the need for last year's resolution to be accepted by the committee and presented to the State Executive Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Democratic Party urges the State Resolution Committee to approve the "**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIR LOCAL REPRESENTATION**", as amended, a copy of which is immediately below, and present it to the State Executive Committee at the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for June of 2019.

(REF) RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIR LOCAL REPRESENTATION (RESOLUTION AT STATE COMMITTEE)

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party Voters of this great nation want to keep their votes as control over their local representation, as provided under the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Plan of Organization paragraph 10.03 specifies provisions for vacating and temporarily relinquishing holding party office when acting as campaigning manager in primaries; and

WHEREAS, the support of local democratic candidates in a contested primary by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) and Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) may be considered an outside forces interfering in local political races; and

WHEREAS, the financial support and endorsement of local democratic candidates in a contested primary by the DCCC may be considered an outside force by Democratic Party elected representatives outside their district; and

WHEREAS, this influence by people or groups not being represented by the eventual winner subverts the democratic process by undermining the purpose and function of primaries; and

WHEREAS, those outside forces cause division within the district of that local election being affected by these outside forces, as visibly evidenced by animosity on social media in arguments about the US House race in Guilford County, NC and other races; and

WHEREAS, it can be argued that these outside forces usurp the protection afforded, under the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution, the one-person, one-vote rule; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic party needs to claim the moral high ground by supporting free and fair elections, noting that outside support of candidates during the primary election process can lead to disruptive and undemocratic suppression of local voters;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delegates to the 13th Congressional District Democratic Party deems the DCCC support of local candidates during the primary election process to be a disruptive and undemocratic force; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party to stay committed to eliminating outside forces from influencing local elections; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Delegates to the 13th Congressional District Democratic Party request that the NC Democratic Party demand that the DCCC and DSCC support of candidates in the primary election that have other Democratic candidates, to be stopped.