

2021 RESOLUTIONS for the 3rd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1 Resolution in Support of Equity Training in the Carteret County School System and all
2 NC School Systems

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4 WHEREAS, we recognize that public education can both enhance individuals and
5 strengthen communities; and

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7 WHEREAS, one of America's greatest strengths is its dedication to protecting people's
8 differences through a commitment to freedom, equality, and justice for all; and

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10 WHEREAS, we believe all school systems should seek to advance these principles and
11 commit to treating all people with respect and dignity; and

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13 WHEREAS, we emphasize the need to have school leaders trained in equity and
14 inclusion for all persons; and

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16 WHEREAS, training in equity is available to train all school leaders locally and across
17 the state;

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19 BE IT RESOLVED, that we ask that this funding for training be paid by their respective
20 school systems and/or Districts and added to their yearly budget instead of each school
21 individually funding; and

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23 BE IT RESOLVED, that we ask that this equity training be made available to all school
24 system employees; and

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26 BE IT RESOLVED, that we ask for equity training to be added into the required NC
27 School Curriculum as a required student class; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage local and state leaders to not only
30 provide and fund equity training for all schools, but also participate in the equity training
31 themselves.

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33 Submitted by the Carteret County Democratic Party

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1 Resolution In Support Of A Statewide Plastic Bag Ban Or Plastic Bag Fee

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3 WHEREAS, approximately 8 million metric tons of plastic are estimated to end up in the
4 world's oceans each year according to Oceana; and

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6 WHEREAS, according to reports by the Ocean Conservancy, plastic single use bags
7 are among the top ten items collected during Coastal cleanups; and

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9 WHEREAS, plastic bags entangle and are consumed by marine life, including sea
10 turtles, and have been identified among the top 5 most impactful types of plastic
11 pollution to the marine environments; and

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13 WHEREAS, in 2010 North Carolina was among the first in the country to ban single use
14 plastic bags in the Outer Banks; and

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16 WHEREAS, Alameda County, CA passed a plastic bag ban and paper bag fee that led
17 to an 80% decline in the use of single use paper and plastic bags, according to Oceana;
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20 WHEREAS, Washington, D.C. passed a 5-cent plastic and paper bag fee that resulted
21 in more than a 60% reduction in single use plastic bag consumption, according to
22 Oceana; and

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24 RESOLVED, local plastic bag bans, and fees have shown to be effective at reducing
25 plastic bag pollution, such that implementing a statewide ban or fee is the next logical
26 step towards reducing marine plastic pollution; and

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28 RESOLVED, that given the existing evidence, a statewide plastic bag ban or fee is likely
29 to reduce impacts that would otherwise compromise the health of the Ocean and
30 prevent pollution of the North Carolina waterways; now

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carteret County Democratic Party supports
33 reinstating the single use plastic bag ban or implementing a plastic bag fee in North
34 Carolina.

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36 Submitted by the Carteret County Democratic Party

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1 A Resolution To Ensure All Nc Citizens The Right To Vote

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4 WHEREAS, the right to vote is an inherent principle in a democracy; and

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6 WHEREAS, all citizens of North Carolina have the right to be heard by virtue of their
7 vote; and

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9 WHEREAS, Georgia has recently implemented laws that suppress voters through
10 various changes, such as Voter ID, closing ballot boxes, vote by mail changes, and
11 making handing water to voters waiting in line a misdemeanor in the court of law; and

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13 WHEREAS, Across the country, over 250 pieces of voter suppression legislation have
14 been introduced in 43 state legislatures; and

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16 WHEREAS, in North Carolina, Republican legislators want to require absentee ballots
17 to be received by Election Day to count; and

18 WHEREAS, Current North Carolina law allows for absentee ballots to be counted if they
19 arrive three days after Election Day, so long as they were postmarked on or before that
20 day; and

21 WHEREAS, the GOP and NC Legislature are determined to stifle the vote of all eligible
22 North Carolinians by requiring specific forms of Voter ID; and

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24 BE IT RESOLVED, that to ensure all citizens of North Carolina may exercise this right
25 under the voting laws of North Carolina, we must assist all North Carolinians to obtain a
26 photo ID in keeping with the voting law in North Carolina,

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party will assist in helping those
29 without proper ID, by reaching out to those without proper identification, assisting them
30 in finding how to get the proper voter identification, and by providing rides to obtain this
31 Identification when necessary.

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33 Submitted by the Carteret County Democratic Party

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1 Resolution In Support Of Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment

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4 WHEREAS, Women are more than half the population of the United States of America;
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7 WHEREAS, Equality of women under the law has not been protected by the
8 Constitution of the United States since it was adopted by this country, which has always
9 proclaimed itself as a great democracy; and

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11 WHEREAS, The Democratic Party of North Carolina has stated and shown its support
12 for and belief in gender equality; and

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14 WHEREAS, Rights of women continue to not be enforced due to lack of protection by
15 the Constitution and are being attacked, ignored and challenged; and

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17 WHEREAS, Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment by the General Assembly of
18 North Carolina will assist in the Amendment becoming a part of the United States
19 Constitution; therefore

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Currituck County Democratic Party that it petition the
22 Democratic Party of North Carolina to affirm its dedication to the passage and
23 ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in order that the women of this country will
24 at last be guaranteed equality of rights under the law; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Currituck County Democratic Party also petition
27 the Democratic Party of North Carolina to continue its active participation in advocating
28 that the General Assembly of North Carolina ratify the Equal Rights Amendment during
29 its current session to further the national ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

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31 Submitted by the Currituck County Democratic Party

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1 A Resolution Calling For Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment (2021)

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3 WHEREAS, women, who constitute over 51% of the population of North Carolina (NC),
4 play an essential and irreplaceable role in society, contributing to our economy and
5 advancing our nation in both public and private realms; and

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7 WHEREAS, women continue to confront workplace discrimination, wage inequities,
8 health care inequities, higher rates of poverty, rape and domestic violence assaults, a
9 lack of political parity, and other forms of sex-based discrimination; and

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11 WHEREAS, state and federal anti-discrimination laws are not uniform or
12 comprehensive, and can be repealed, amended, or ineffectively applied by the courts;
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15 WHEREAS, the federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was proposed in 1923 and
16 passed by Congress in 1972; has met the constitutional requirement for ratification by
17 38 states with the approval of Nevada (2017), Illinois (2018), and Virginia (2020); and is
18 awaiting certification by the U.S. Archivist pending resolution of issues regarding a time
19 limit in its preamble rather than its text, which can be removed by bipartisan bills now in
20 Congress, and five state rescissions, which by precedent have never been recognized
21 as valid; and

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23 WHEREAS, the ERA is essential for correcting systemic sex discrimination, since it
24 would guarantee that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by
25 the United States or by any state on account of sex"; and

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27 WHEREAS, ERA ratification bills were introduced in the NC General Assembly in the
28 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2019 and 2021;

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30 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we call on the NC General Assembly to pass the
31 bills ratifying the ERA in order to join the growing list of states supporting a guarantee of
32 equal constitutional rights to all citizens without regard to their sex; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on the Archivist of the United States to
35 immediately certify and publish the ERA as part of the Constitution, 38 states having
36 approved its ratification; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on Congress to support the validity of
39 certification by the Archivist by passing the bipartisan bills removing the time limit on the
40 states for ratification; and

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2 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to advocate at federal and state
3 levels to ensure that the ERA is added to the US Constitution in order to guarantee
4 equal rights under the law to all citizens without regard to their sex.

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7 Submitted by the Dare County Democratic Party

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