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Honorarium

Hon.001 - Resolution Honoring Alexei Navalny

BE IT RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party mourns the death and honors the memory of Russian democratic leader Alexei Navalny; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Democrats should be inspired by Navalny's example in our own work to protect and strengthen democracy in the United States and around the world.

Resubmitted by the North Carolina Democratic Party's Resolutions and Platform Committee.

Hon.002 - Resolution in Honor of William Bruce Peterson

WHEREAS, William Bruce Peterson was born on May 2, 1938, in Yancey County, North Carolina. Bruce passed away peacefully at his home with family by his side on March 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, William Bruce Peterson was a lifelong athlete who, while at Lee Edwards, played football, basketball, baseball, track, and tennis. Bruce attended Western Carolina University, earning a scholarship and 11 varsity letters in football, basketball, and tennis. His 1963 Catamount basketball team played in the NAIA National Championship game, and he was the number one singles player on the 1963 tennis team; and

WHEREAS, William Bruce Peterson dedicated his life to educating students as a coach and principal. Bruce coached at WCU, Cane River High School, and his alma mater, Asheville High School. He was honored to be selected as the East-West All-Star and Shrine Bowl Games coach as well as the North Carolina High School Coach of the Year twice. He has been elected to the North Carolina High School Athletics Association Hall of Fame. Finally, Bruce accepted the role of Principal at Enka High School and remained in that position for 11 years. He was recognized as the Buncombe County Principal of the Year and received the award from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association recognizing the principal who contributed the most to high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, William Bruce Peterson was committed to serving Asheville, Buncombe County, the State of North Carolina, and his country as a leader in many organizations. He was proud to serve his country as a member of the United States Army, stationed in Germany. Bruce served on and chaired many Boards, including Chairman of the Buncombe County Beef Cattle Association, a founding member of the Asheville-Buncombe Regional Sports Commission, a member of the Board of Directors of WNC Communities Association, a member of the UNC-Asheville Board of Trustees, a member of Central United Methodist Church, and worked with the Folk Heritage Committee; and

WHEREAS, William Bruce Peterson was a committed, yellow-dog democrat working in support of campaigns up and down the ballot. He was Chairman of the Buncombe Democratic Party, raising the funds necessary so the Party could purchase and enjoy the permanent headquarters they have today. He was also Chairman of the 11th Congressional Democratic Party and the Director of the District Office for Congressman Heath Shuler; and

WHEREAS, William Bruce Peterson's service and contributions to North Carolina did not go unnoticed. Bruce was a proud recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Governor Roy Cooper; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 11th Congressional District Democratic Party:

1. Recognizes the significant contributions of William Bruce Peterson over the course of his life and mourns his death; and
2. Extends its sincerest condolences to his friends and family, especially his beloved wife, Carol Weir Peterson.

Resubmitted by the North Carolina 11th Congressional District Democratic Party.

Hon.003 - Resolution in Honor of Marshall Rauch

WHEREAS, Marshall Arthur Rauch was the first and then longest-serving Jewish State Senator in North Carolina history, first elected in 1967 and holding office until 1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rauch served bravely in World War II, earning a Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rauch started and built Rauch Industries in Gaston County to be, for a period, the world's largest Christmas ornament producer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rauch served on the Gastonia City Council and at times Mayor Pro Tem in the 1950s and early 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rauch served as Chairman of the Gastonia Human Relations Committee and used that leadership post and a similar role at the YMCA to boost the integration of Black and Jewish residents into the life of the Gastonia community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rauch added an amendment to a State tax law revision concerning alcohol that prevented private clubs from getting liquor licenses if they discriminated on the basis of religion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rauch facilitated the declaration of Yom Kippur as a State holiday; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rauch served on the Board of Governors of the State University system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party Jewish Caucus and the North Carolina Democratic Party express their great appreciation for Marshall Rauch's life-long commitment to Democratic values and service, and to his commitment to the virtues of Judaism's three most important degrees of charity encompassing giving before being asked, giving with anonymity and enabling recipients to become self-reliant.

Submitted by the North Carolina 14th Congressional District Democratic Party.

Hon.004 - A Resolution Honoring the Public Service Career of Pitt County Commissioner Elizabeth Ward

WHEREAS, Elizabeth, "Beth," Ward served faithfully and honorably as a Pitt County Commissioner for the past 25 years from December 1999 to December 2024; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward served as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in 2003, 2007, 2012, 2016, and 2019 and served as Vice-Chairman in 2002, 2006, 2011, and 2015; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward was the first woman to be elected as Chairman of the Pitt County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward has, through her unselfish service, and diligence, exhibited concerns for the overall improvement of the quality of life for Pitt County citizens; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward always served as a strong champion for public education, exhibited by her support of the Education Compact between the Pitt County Board of Commissioners and Pitt County Board of Education, as well as her prior service as a Pitt County Schools Principal at Pactolus School, G.R. Whitfield School, and Wintergreen Elementary; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward was also a champion for recreation, emergency management, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward was instrumental in Pitt County's success in obtaining the quarter cent sales tax legislation that has been leveraged to construct and renovate K-12 and community college facilities; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward has been a strong advocate of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in which she helped in the creation of Pitt County's EMS Service District and EMS tax; and

WHEREAS, During her years of service, Commissioner Beth Ward was involved in various projects such as the as the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the development of Alice Keene Park, the first ever Pitt County Parks and Recreation Department, a new Sheriffs Administrative Building, the expansion of the Animal Shelter and Fanners Market, Courthouse expansion and renovation, the allocation of \$35.1 million in American Rescue Plan funding, securing Opioid funding, enhancement of emergency radio and paging systems, and relocation of the Register of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward has been an integral part of the success and growth of Pitt County by serving on various boards/commissions such as the ECU Board of Visitors (ex-officio member), the Pitt Community College Board of Trustees (liaison), the Vidant Medical Center Board of Trustees (liaison), the Board of Education (liaison), the Animal Services Advisory Board, the EMS Oversight Committee, and the Airport Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward will be long remembered for her many contributions toward improving the quality of life in Pitt County for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward earned the respect of citizens and colleagues for her superior work ethic, wealth of knowledge, proven, experience, and bipartisan commitment; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward was a recipient of the prestigious Order of The Long Leaf Pine Award in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Beth Ward has been registered as a member of the Democratic Party her entire life and regularly supported local efforts to elect qualified Democrats up and down the ballot; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party does hereby honor Commissioner Beth Ward for providing unselfish, stalwart, and inspiring leadership and diligent service to the Board, and to all the citizens of Pitt County, during her tenure as a commissioner and career as an educator.

Submitted by the North Carolina 3rd Congressional District Democratic Party.

Hon.005 - North Carolina Democratic Party Memorial Resolution Honoring Ambassador Jeanette Wallace Hyde

WHEREAS, Ambassador Jeanette Wallace Hyde, a trailblazer, diplomat, philanthropist, businesswoman, and lifelong Democrat, departed this life on February 10, 2025, at the age of 86, leaving behind an unparalleled legacy of public service, global diplomacy, civic engagement, and Democratic activism; and

WHEREAS, Born in Hamptonville, North Carolina, on June 15, 1938, Ambassador Hyde's early years instilled in her a deep commitment to service, nurtured by her family, her faith at Flat Rock Baptist Church, and her father's example of business and public leadership on the Yadkin County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ambassador Hyde embodied Democratic values through decades of advocacy, serving as a National Committeewoman for the Young Democrats, co-chair of the Clinton-Gore campaign in North Carolina, and a key figure in national and state conventions, fundraising efforts, and women’s political empowerment, and as a driving force behind the renovation and preservation of Goodwin House, the home of the NCDP; and

WHEREAS, She supported and hosted generations of Democratic leaders, including President Bill Clinton, Secretary Hillary Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, Governor Jim Hunt, Governor Bev Perdue, Governor Roy Cooper, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, and many others, offering her home, time, resources, and strategic insight to help build a stronger and more inclusive Democratic Party in North Carolina and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Appointed by President Bill Clinton and confirmed with bipartisan support, she became the first North Carolina woman to serve as a U.S. Ambassador, representing our nation to seven Caribbean nations from 1994–1998 and earning numerous civilian honors for diplomacy, security cooperation, and treaty work that advanced U.S. and regional interests; and

WHEREAS, Her generosity touched institutions across North Carolina and the country, including a historic \$2 million gift to the Wake Forest School of Divinity, and decades of service to university boards, community organizations, and global exchange programs; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Democratic Party previously honored her as “Most Outstanding Democrat of North Carolina” in 1979 and with its “Distinguished Service Award” in 1998, recognizing her lifelong dedication to the Party’s mission and to the people of our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party celebrates the extraordinary life of Ambassador Jeanette Wallace Hyde, extends our deepest condolences to her family and friends, and expresses our enduring gratitude for her legacy of public service, international diplomacy, and Democratic leadership;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the North Carolina Democratic Party and shared with her loved ones as a testament to our respect and admiration.

Submitted by North Carolina Democratic Party Democratic National Committee Member Matt Hughes.

Democratic Party Matters

Dem.001 - Resolution Encouraging Equitable And Conscientious Spending by the NCDP

BE IT RESOLVED, At any precinct, county, district, or state meeting, the NCDP and its subsidiaries will make an effort to forego large corporations in preferences for local vendors, especially vendors from marginalized communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We further support initiatives to promote locally-owned, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses.

Submitted by the North Carolina 4th Congressional District Democratic Party.

Dem.002 - Resolution for Advanced Technologies and Techniques (AT&T)

WHEREAS, Communication and image are key to winning elections; and

WHEREAS, Having a more aggressive and a more effective digital strategy would help the party win the next national election; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Party will more aggressively defend our democratic values, anticipate and respond quickly and strongly to foreign interference, as well as misinformation and lies by the Republicans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the NCDP employ dedicated social media experts to develop and maintain comprehensive and proactive social media outreach and to offer training to local officers who request it.

Submitted by the North Carolina 4th and 11th Congressional District Democratic Parties.

Dem.003 - Resolution to Place Term Limits on DNC Members

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Democratic Party has been represented by a similar group of people year after year on the Democratic National Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party rules be amended to limit our elected Democratic National Committee members to no more than four (4) terms of service.

Submitted by the North Carolina 4th Congressional District Democratic Party.

Dem.004 - Resolution for a Strategic Plan and Outreach

WHEREAS, The DNC is to develop and implement a national strategic plan for the 2026 elections and help advise state and local precincts; and

WHEREAS, Without a strategic plan the Trump administration will complete its dismantling of the units that serve the people of Chatham County and the State of North Carolina; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the NC Democratic Party strongly recommend an immediate and significant change in DNC and other State Party activities to specifically address deficiencies in Democratic connections with voters; and

RESOLVED, That within the immediate future the Democratic Party shall:

1. Implement focus groups with persuadable voters to understand why they voted Republican or did not vote at all;
2. Using information gained in number 1 and other solid survey sources develop a concise strategic plan to retake the Senate and House of Representatives in 2026;
3. Discourage the many unsolicited emails and text messages asking for donations that are not part of a concise strategic national, state and local plans;

4. Use methods of promoting the strategic plan and why it is important that can reach these important marginal voters;
5. Implement a coordinated and deliberate information campaign to counter the disinformation spread by the GOP through frequent press conferences, media interviews and social media posts; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party collaborate with the national Democratic Party to establish clear messaging that is memorable, easily repeated, and actionable; and

RESOLVED, That The Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to a unifying vision rooted in shared national purpose, emphasizing policies that benefit all Americans—such as economic growth, affordable healthcare, quality public education, secure but humane borders, safe communities, and the protection of fundamental rights—and will pursue an inclusive, effective messaging and electoral strategy grounded in unity, pragmatism, and hope, ensuring every American feels represented and valued within the Democratic coalition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party in collaboration with its county parties, establish and prioritize a rural organizing and outreach plan to address the unique needs and priorities of rural communities, including targeted tools and tactics that connect and mobilize our valued rural citizenry.

Submitted by the North Carolina 4th and 9th Congressional District Democratic Parties.

Dem.005 - A Resolution to Equitably Distribute Sustaining Fund Fees for Precincts

WHEREAS, The current formula for determining a precinct's North Carolina Democratic Party Sustaining Fund Fee includes all registered voters within the precinct; and

WHEREAS, The current formula for determining a precinct's delegate representation at the County Convention is based on the number of votes cast by the precinct for the Democratic nominee for Governor; and

WHEREAS, Requiring that precincts with a large Republican majority pay fees for people who are not registered Democrats while basing their allowed delegate votes on the percentage of the precinct's votes for a Democratic candidate is a regressive fee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party will administer a formula for sustaining fund fees calculated on the number of votes within a precinct for the Democratic gubernatorial candidates during the last gubernatorial election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party will adjust the formula of 2 cents per gubernatorial vote upward as necessary to prevent a large loss of income to the party from the implementation of the new formula based on votes for the Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

Submitted by the North Carolina 9th Congressional District Democratic Party.

Dem.006 - Resolution to Bring Democratic Presidential Candidates to North Carolina to Build Early Momentum for 2028

WHEREAS, The U.S. stands at a critical juncture, with the future of our democracy, economy, and security at stake; and

WHEREAS, Many Americans seek to restore democratic norms and address the ongoing threats to our economy, institutions, and civil liberties exacerbated by the Trump presidency; and

WHEREAS, Early identification and promotion of strong, experienced presidential candidates is essential to building national momentum and restoring trust in Democratic leadership; and

WHEREAS, A Democratic victory in North Carolina—a key battleground state—will be essential to securing the presidency in 2028; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) form a leadership task force to identify and invite strong Democratic presidential candidates to North Carolina in preparation for the 2028 election; and

RESOLVED, That this task force include past and current party leaders from across North Carolina's counties and districts, selected for their campaign experience, media savvy, and commitment to Democratic values; and

RESOLVED, That the NCDP prioritize early campaign appearances, town halls, and "Call to Action" events in all 100 counties, including virtual and in-person formats; and

RESOLVED, That particular emphasis be placed on outreach to rural counties, to highlight the challenges and resilience of rural communities and counter past neglect by Republican leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the NCDP coordinate closely with the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to secure national support and resources for candidate engagement across North Carolina.

Submitted by the North Carolina 11th Congressional District Democratic Party.

Dem.007 - Resolution to Have all Democratic Party Voter Information Materials be Made Available in Spanish

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party has voter information materials freely available to the public written in English; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has a significant population of voters whose primary language is Spanish; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party's goal is to educate and encourage all voters to vote for Democratic candidates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party print and distribute all voter information materials in both English and Spanish where doing so is determined strategic by the North Carolina Democratic Party.

Submitted by the North Carolina 11th Congressional District Democratic Party.

Dem.008 - Implicit Bias and Dismantling Racism and Training

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Democratic Party has adopted a statement of inclusion and a code of conduct for the elected officers, and State Executive Committee members on all levels; but has not taken enough steps to ensure compliance; and

WHEREAS, Black women are the second largest voting block in the country; and Black women and POC suffer from an even more evident pay gap. When women leaders engage in agentic traits, or historically "masculine" leadership traits, they receive lower evaluations among men and women leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party shall hire an independent group to conduct mandatory live training of all staff and elected officers. This independent group shall produce training videos that are mandatory for all delegates. The training must include sexual harassment, implicit bias, and LGBTQIA, racial, cultural sensitivity, people with disabilities, diversity, and inclusion. The North Carolina Democratic Party shall develop and publicize a policy statement that encourages administrative and managerial roles and policies to adhere to support an inclusive, peaceful, productive, and unbiased atmosphere.

Submitted by the North Carolina 12th and 14th Congressional District Democratic Parties.

Dem.009 - Resolution to Establish a "People's Primary" Policy Banning Billionaires and Corporations from Buying or Unduly Influencing Democratic Primaries

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party is the party of the working class and Americans who believe in a one person, one vote democracy where our elections are determined by We the People as equal citizens — not billionaires and big corporations; and

WHEREAS, Working class voters should have no doubt that the candidates chosen in our primaries are not beholden to the same billionaires and corporations that are exploiting and hurting them; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP), as a voluntary association, has the authority and responsibility to regulate its internal affairs, including nominating processes and primary elections, to ensure fairness, integrity, and alignment with our values; and

WHEREAS, To strengthen our party's brand, win back trust from many voters, and empower our party to win elections and govern to deliver for the working class, the North Carolina Democratic Party must act to confront the crisis of big money corrupting our democracy within the arena under our direct authority: our primary elections; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party will establish a "People's Primary" policy to bar, to the greatest extent possible, the use of massive private wealth to buy or unduly influence our primary elections. This policy will ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that candidates in Democratic primaries are not benefited by, dependent on, or elected due to outside or independent electioneering spending funded by big donors who are circumventing legal limits on direct contributions to a candidate's campaign fund to spend tens or hundreds of thousands and even millions of dollars of private wealth to elect the candidates of their choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Plan of Organization Review Committee shall form an ad-hoc committee to develop this policy that includes the organizers of this resolution, one mutually-agreed member of the State Executive Committee and one mutually-agreed member of the Plan of Organization Review Committee. The committee will be charged with developing this policy to achieve the purpose established here-in and with formulating official proposed

NCDP People's Primary policy and procedures, including any bylaws changes, if necessary, to implement and enforce it. This policy and associated procedures, and any additional supporting resolution or bylaws changes, will be prepared and submitted to the Plan of Organization Review Committee.

Submitted by the Progressive Caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

International Issues

Int.001 - Resolution for an Embargo on Military Aid and Weapons Transfers to Israel

WHEREAS, Israel is declared by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, B'Tselem and other human rights organizations of committing apartheid against Palestinians; and

WHEREAS, The International Court of Justice at the Hague has ruled in January 2024 that there is credible evidence that the state of Israel may be committing the crime of genocide in Gaza (1); and

WHEREAS, United States adopted the "Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987" which "amends the Federal criminal code to establish the criminal offense of genocide"(2); and

WHEREAS, The military resources that have been made available to Israel through annual and emergency military aid have been used to commit the crime of genocide and other war crimes in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, This could make United States military and government officials at risk of prosecution under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide - Article III Section (e) "complicity to genocide" (3); and

WHEREAS, Israel has used the excuse of "self defense" to target hospitals, schools, homes, refugee camps, mosques, churches, journalists and humanitarian aid workers with US supplied weapons; and

WHEREAS, Recent Gallup polling shows that Democratic voters overwhelmingly sympathize with the Palestinian people at 59% support(4); and

WHEREAS, Polling shows that Democratic Party support of Israel's assault on Gaza was the primary reason at 29%, a plurality, given by 2020 Biden voters who decided to not vote in 2024(5); and

WHEREAS, Polling by Data for Progress in October 2024 showed that 62% of young Democrats support an arms embargo(6); and

WHEREAS, The billions in annual tax payer funds provided to Israel as military aid would be better used to address the needs of Americans in the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports an immediate embargo on all military aid, weapons shipments and military logistical support to Israel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the embargo on military aid, weapons shipments and logistical support continue until Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and B'tselem certify that Israel is no longer engaged in apartheid rule.

Submitted by the North Carolina 2nd and 6th Congressional District Democratic Parties.

1. <https://icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/192/192-20240126-ord-01-00-en.pdf>

2. <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/100/s1851/summary>
 3. <https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/convention-prevention-and-punishment-crime-genocide>
 4. <https://news.gallup.com/poll/657404/less-half-sympathetic-toward-israelis.aspx>
 5. <https://www.imeupolicyproject.org/postelection-polling>
 6. https://www.filesforprogress.org/reports/dfp_young_voters_report.pdf
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Int.002 - Resolution for Democratic Unity

WHEREAS, The conflict in Israel and Palestine, as well as settlers violence in the West Bank has been a source of immense suffering for both Israeli and Palestinian people; and

WHEREAS, The ongoing asymmetrical conflict and the continuing hostage crisis, starvation, destruction, indiscriminate targeting of civilians by both sides, West Bank settlers violence, and humanitarian crisis, etc. are matters of international, national, and local concern; and

WHEREAS, Anti-Jewish, anti-Muslim, and anti-Palestinian hatred and violence is on the rise across the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Hamas's unjustifiable October 7, 2023 attack on Israeli civilians was the deadliest attack against Jewish people since the Shoah; and

WHEREAS, The Israeli government's military response to Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack has resulted in immense and unjustifiable Palestinian civilian casualties, forced displacement leading to a refugee crisis, and famine conditions in Gaza; and

WHEREAS, Democrats have deep commitments to principles of human rights, international law, and the peaceful resolution of conflicts; and

WHEREAS, International law forbids the intentional targeting of civilians, hostage-taking, use of human shields, genocide, collective punishment, forced displacement, using humanitarian funds and hospitals to support war efforts, mass starvation, the cutting off of water and electricity to civilians, and denial of humanitarian funds and aid, and the carpet bombing of Palestinian civilians; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Democratic Party platform states its support of policies and programs that restore our moral status in the world by promoting human rights and democracy; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Democratic Party platform states its commitment to restoring U.S. leadership in international institutions such as the United Nations and other alliances; and

WHEREAS, The continuing, unjustified loss of life of civilians in Palestine has led to protests and direct action across the U.S., including protests at a number of college and university campuses; and

WHEREAS, The right to free speech is fundamental and core to shared American values, and students should be able to exercise it peacefully; and

WHEREAS, Not all Jews are Israelis; not all Jews are Zionists; not all Israelis are Jews; not all Israelis are Zionists; not all Muslims are Arabs; not all Arabs are Muslim; not all Palestinians are Muslim; and the Democratic Party understands that while perspectives regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict are varied and complex across its broad coalition, anti-Jewish and anti-Muslim and anti-Palestinian bigotry have no place in the Democratic Party or in American civic life; and

WHEREAS, As of the consideration of this resolution, the hostage crisis continues, as does the unjustifiable suffering and loss of life of Palestinian civilians as well as the suffering of Palestinians prisoners held by Israel, including approximately 12,000 who have never been charged, including children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party:

Expresses its immense sorrow over the loss of innocent lives and the suffering endured by civilians in Gaza, Israel, and the broader region;

Calls for an immediate ceasefire prioritizing the protection of civilian lives;

Calls for the immediate release of all Israeli hostages taken by Hamas;

Calls for the immediate release of Palestinian hostages taken by Israel;

Condemns any and all acts of terrorism perpetrated Israel or Hamas, or by any side to the conflict, and other organizations which have been designated terrorist organizations by the US Government, as of October 8th, 1997, as designated by the US Secretary of State in accordance with Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended;

Calls for the condemnation of all war crimes, including but not limited to rape and sexual assault as a weapons of war;

Urges the international community, including the United States, to actively support and engage in diplomatic efforts to remove from power and bring to justice those who perpetrated the October 7th massacre;

Urges the international community, including the United States, to actively support and engage in diplomatic efforts to remove from power and bring to justice those who have committed war crimes in the course of the ongoing conflict in Gaza;

Stands in solidarity with the people of Israel and Palestine, who are suffering from the violence and hostilities;

Supports equality and political participation for all Palestinians and peoples in Israel;

Calls upon the United States and international governments to facilitate a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Israel Palestine;

Calls on North Carolina Democrats to recognize the humanity of both Palestinian and Israelis people when commenting on the ongoing conflict and hostage crisis, and, while respecting the fundamental right to peacefully protest, condemns rhetoric that leads to violence;

Calls on lawmakers, law enforcement, and college and university leaders to respect the fundamental rights of North Carolinians to peacefully protest;

Calls on the North Carolina congressional delegation to advocate for a comprehensive and peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that respects the rights and aspirations of all parties;

Commits itself to raising awareness about the Israeli-Palestinian issue and fostering dialogue and understanding within our own party and among our constituents;

Supports continuing efforts to seek a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Gaza and the ongoing hostage crisis.

Resubmitted by the North Carolina Democratic Party's Resolutions and Platform Committee.

Int.003 - Support for Rights of Israelis and Palestinians

WHEREAS, All inhabitants of Israel/Palestine have the inherent right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;" and

WHEREAS, Such rights are secured to each person by participation as an equal citizen of a democratic and sovereign state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports these rights for all inhabitants of Israel/Palestine, equally.

Submitted by the North Carolina 4th and 9th Congressional District Democratic Parties.

Int.004 - A Resolution in Support of Palestinian Civilians and Human Rights Groups

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Democratic Party, as an organization devoted to justice and human rights, must be involved in fighting antisemitism without simultaneously suppressing the rights of individuals and organizations who engage in nonviolent protest, activism in support of Palestinian rights, or criticism of the Israeli government and its actions; and

WHEREAS, The ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas, along with the longer-term illegal occupation of Palestine by Israel, has resulted in the deaths of thousands of Israeli and Palestinian civilians, many of which are children, and the destruction of homes, schools, religious centers, and shelters across the Gaza Strip; and

WHEREAS, Israel's ongoing blockade of the Gaza Strip has only served to magnify the crisis, leading to millions of Gazans without access to food, water, electricity, medicine, or any means of escaping the conflict; and

WHEREAS, People of Jewish and Muslim faith across the United States are currently facing discrimination, anti-Muslim hate, anti-Semitism, and targeted harassment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party call for an immediate surge of resources to the Gaza strip and the creation of humanitarian corridors to facilitate the transfer of resources and the protection of Palestinian civilians; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls for an immediate ceasefire by all parties in and around Gaza in order to preserve the lives of civilians and facilitate the distribution of that aid; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls for all future arms sales and security assistance to both Israel and Palestine to be conditioned on concrete and verifiable steps towards ending human rights violations; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party restate our opposition to anti-Muslim bigotry, racism, antisemitism, and all attempts to silence or punish individuals and organizations who speak out for human rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party urges public officials to learn about the issues facing Palestinians firsthand through travel, meetings with advocates for longterm peace, and all other methods.

Resubmitted by the North Carolina 11th Congressional District Democratic Party.

Int.005 - Resolution for Democratic Elections with Full Suffrage in Israel

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party believes in the defense and expansion of democratic principles, and opposes efforts to implement barriers to voting in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party believes that the expansion of suffrage rights and democratic participation within a society makes that society's government more stable; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party endorses open democratic elections in Israel which, at minimum, any person who fulfills all four of the following criteria should be allowed to vote:

1. The person lives in an area that Israel claims sovereignty over and which the United States of America acknowledges is part of Israel; and
2. The person was born in an area that Israel claims sovereignty over and which the United States of America acknowledges is part of Israel; and
3. The person is subject to Israeli laws and is required to pay taxes to the Israeli government; and
4. The person is of legal age to be considered an adult.

Resubmitted by the North Carolina Democratic Party's Resolutions and Platform Committee.

Int.006 - Resolution Calling for New Elections in Palestinian Territories

WHEREAS, New presidential elections and legislative elections for the Palestinian National Authority – the governing body of the Palestinian territories – have not taken place since 2005 and 2006 respectively; and

WHEREAS, Without serious pressure from the international community, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has been able to repeatedly and indefinitely postpone new elections, most recently after polling and internal reports showed that a free and fair contest would likely result in his personal loss and/or the victory of candidates who would not be personally loyal to himself; and

WHEREAS, The lack of government accountability created by almost two decades with no new elections has produced a system in which widespread corruption, cronyism, and political favoritism are allowed to flourish; and

WHEREAS, Arab allies of the Abbas regime have used their regional influence to prevent new elections where their preferred candidates were projected to lose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That, in furtherance of our commitment to democracy around the world, the United States join the United Nations in calling for new Palestinian presidential and legislative elections along with neutral observers to verify that such elections remain free, fair, democratic, peaceful, and credible; and

RESOLVED, If elections continue to be postponed, that the United States work with its allies to assist in overcoming the obstacles causing further delay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Once elections are held and are verified to have been conducted in a free, fair, democratic, peaceful, and credible manor, that the United States affirm a duly elected Palestinian National Authority's right to take over Palestinian governance and policy implementation from the current Palestinian National Authority and Abbas regime.

Resubmitted by the North Carolina Democratic Party's Resolutions and Platform Committee and the North Carolina 11th Congressional District Democratic Party.

Int.007 - Resolution to Strengthen NATO and Support Ukraine

WHEREAS, Russia has become increasingly expansionist and imperialist under Putin's regime; and

WHEREAS, Russia has and continues to commit war crimes throughout Ukraine and other countries; and

WHEREAS, NATO serves as a strong deterrent to aggression against member states; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party urges all elected officials to fully support the freedom of Ukraine against illegal Russian imperialism and further support Ukraine's right to join NATO; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party gives full support to the American efforts to strengthen NATO and provide aid to Ukraine in its war against Russia, with the hope of sustaining a free people and avoiding wider war.

Submitted by the North Carolina Democratic Party's Resolutions and Platform Committee and the North Carolina 5th, 9th, and 11th Congressional District Democratic Parties.

Int.008 - Genocide is Bad

RESOLVED, The North Carolina Democratic Party opposes support, supply, or diplomatic cover for genocide.

Submitted by the North Carolina 4th Congressional District Democratic Party.

General Government

Gen.001 - Resolution to Promote Bicycle Safety

WHEREAS, North Carolina is committed to being a bike-friendly state that prioritizes safe, sustainable, and equitable transportation for all residents and visitors, public health, environmental sustainability, and transportation equity policy; and

WHEREAS, Parts of North Carolina have, and are, undergoing dramatic new construction-based growth with little consideration of, and accommodation made for, infrastructure road improvements including providing for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls upon the North Carolina General Assembly, local governments, and municipalities to prioritize bicycle safety improvements through infrastructure upgrades and planning that reflect the needs of all road users; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the immediate implementation of bicycle-friendly measures including, but not limited to:

1. Clearly marked and protected bike lanes; and
2. Improved lighting, signage, and visibility at intersections; and
3. Speed reduction strategies for motor vehicles; and
4. Traffic calming designs that enhance cyclist and pedestrian safety; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party advocates that the North Carolina General Assembly, local governments, and municipalities decline to approve permits for new construction unless there are clear and unambiguous plans for vehicle, cycling, and pedestrian safety; and

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party encourages ongoing collaboration with local organizations, neighborhood associations, and youth cycling programs to promote awareness, education, and advocacy for bike safety and support funding and grant opportunities for bike infrastructure improvements, including federal and state transportation programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party calls upon all parties to include equity as a core principle, ensuring that all safety measures benefit historically underserved communities and that cycling is accessible, affordable, and safe for all residents.

Submitted by the North Carolina 4th Congressional District Democratic Party.

Gen.002 - Encouraging Engagement of Democrats at the Local Level

WHEREAS, All Politics are local; and

WHEREAS, Effective organizations require local engagement; and

WHEREAS, Local government actions impact the lives of our communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the NCDP encourages more Democrats to engage with local organizations by familiarizing themselves with, and attending meetings of, local government entities such as the County Board of Commissioners, the City and County Planning Boards, and the School Board.

Submitted by the North Carolina 5th Congressional District Democratic Party.

Labor and Economy

Lab.001 - Resolution in support of Expanding Cooperative Business Models to Strengthen Small Businesses and Community Self-Empowerment

Across North Carolina, particularly in rural and economically distressed communities, there is a growing recognition that traditional economic models often fall short in meeting the needs of residents and supporting equitable wealth creation. The cooperative business model—rooted in democratic ownership and shared benefit—offers a powerful, community-centered alternative for addressing long-standing challenges in areas such as housing, food access, childcare, elder care, and sustainable employment. Yet, despite its proven success, the cooperative model remains underrepresented in the toolkits of most small business development entities and policy frameworks. Elevating and integrating cooperative strategies into our state's economic development approach is vital to ensuring all communities have access to ownership, dignity, and local control of essential services and enterprises.

WHEREAS, Small businesses are the backbone of our local, state, and national economy, driving job creation, community stability, and economic mobility; and

WHEREAS, The cooperative business model provides a democratic, community-driven approach to economic development, allowing individuals to collectively own and operate businesses that directly address local needs; and

WHEREAS, Communities across North Carolina, particularly in rural areas, face significant challenges in areas such as affordable housing, food security, childcare, elder care, transportation, and veterinary care, which cooperative enterprises are uniquely positioned to address through shared ownership and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, The Small Business Administration, Small Business Centers, and economic development organizations primarily focus on traditional business structures, leaving many entrepreneurs unaware of the cooperative model as a viable and sustainable option; and

WHEREAS, Integrating cooperative business education into entrepreneurship curricula at community colleges, universities, and graduate-level governance and business management programs would equip future business leaders with the knowledge and skills to launch and sustain cooperative enterprises; and

WHEREAS, Normalizing cooperative businesses across multiple sectors—such as housing, food distribution, childcare, senior care, transportation, and agriculture—would create stronger local economies, increase resilience against economic downturns, and foster wealth-building within communities; and

WHEREAS, Legislation that supports and promotes cooperative businesses, including access to funding, technical assistance, and incorporation support, would provide communities with the tools needed for self-help and long-term sustainability; and many more; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party urges county governments and the North Carolina General Assembly to support and advocate for legislation that:

- 1. Increases Public Awareness & Education** – Ensures that the cooperative business model is widely promoted through the North Carolina Small Business Administration, Small Business Centers, and economic development agencies;
- 2. Integrates Cooperative Education into Curricula** – Incorporates cooperative entrepreneurship, governance, and management training into community college, university, and graduate business programs;

3. **Provides Financial & Technical Support** – Expands access to grants, loans, and technical assistance specifically for cooperative startups and expansions;
4. **Encourages Policy & Legislative Support** – Establishes legal frameworks and policies that make it easier for communities to create cooperatives in key sectors such as housing, childcare, elder care, food access, and worker-owned businesses;
5. **Fosters Local & Statewide Collaboration** – Encourages partnerships between municipalities, community organizations, and cooperative developers to implement cooperative solutions to critical community challenges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be submitted to county commissioners, the North Carolina General Assembly, and other relevant stakeholders to advocate for the expansion of cooperative business models as a means of self-empowerment and economic resilience in our communities and that they propose legislation to enact these goals

Submitted by the North Carolina 1st Congressional District Democratic Party.

Rights and Justice

Rig.001 - Resolution to Dissolve all Harmful Partnerships and Relationships of Local Police and Sheriff Departments with the Department of Homeland Security and Sub-Agencies and Auxiliaries

WHEREAS, The Trump administration has, by unlawful executive action and directive, deputized all Federal Security Agencies to do Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Many impacted communities - such as Muslim and minority communities - are under an unconstitutional and unlawful attack by the Trump White House; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party demands that all local city/county officials and departments dissolve any relationship deemed harmful by these communities with Federal Law Enforcement agencies or Department of Homeland Security unless required by statutory or constitutional law.

Submitted by the North Carolina 4th Congressional District Democratic Party.