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A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND INCLUSION

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party is based on the principle of inclusion in the political process

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WHEREAS, Precinct of Wrightsville Beach supports this policy

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WHEREAS, The current political climate has resulted in some elected officials refusing to respond to the call of citizens for community meetings

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WHEREAS, This refusal violates the right of citizens to petition their government enshrined in the Declaration of Independence

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WHEREAS, Such refusal leads to excluding voters from the political process

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WHEREAS, Many voters have felt that their opinions do not count

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WHEREAS, The recent election has left many voters feeling disenfranchised from the political process; now therefore be it

RESOLVED That the members of the Wrightsville Precinct urge the New Hanover County Democratic Party to adopt as its policy that elected officials on the local, state and federal levels meet with their constituents when so requested; and

RESOLVED That the New Hanover County Democratic Party present this policy to the Democratic Party of the State of North Carolina and urge it to adopt the same policy; and,

RESOLVED That the New Hanover Democratic Party reach out to include those voters who have felt ignored in the political process

Submitted to the New Hanover County Democratic Party by Wrightsville Beach Precinct by unanimous vote

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING ATLANTIC OFFSHORE DRILLING

WHEREAS, The Trump administration includes climate deniers with close ties to fossil fuel corporate special interests including the VP, and heads of the Departments of the Interior, Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency, and State; and

WHEREAS, Unlike the Trump administration, President Obama recognized the crisis of climate change and the potential harms from offshore drilling; and

WHEREAS, President Obama moved to permanently protect 3.8 Million acres of the Atlantic Coast from oil and gas profiteers who would put profits over people; and

WHEREAS, Offshore drilling is dirty and dangerous—over 10 years during the boom, oil and gas workers were 7x more likely to die on the job than other U.S. workers; and

WHEREAS, The Atlantic Coast includes unexplored coral canyons and sensitive marine environments that would be harmed by spills and industrial oil and gas polluters; and

WHEREAS, The Atlantic Coast fishing, recreation, and tourism industries depend on healthy ecosystems and pristine beaches while accounting for nearly 1.4 million jobs and over \$95 billion in GDP that would be at risk with offshore drilling; and

WHEREAS, A just transition to clean, renewable energy sources like offshore wind could potentially create 25,000 more jobs than Atlantic oil and gas drilling; and

WHEREAS, Pentagon leaders recognize that the burning of fossil fuels promotes climate change, which risks geopolitical instability as a national security “threat multiplier”; and

WHEREAS, Over 1,000 local, state, and federal lawmakers; over 100 coastal communities, over 1,100 businesses, and countless Atlantic residents have vocally opposed Atlantic offshore drilling; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party supports President Obama’s legacy with regard to climate change and further supports a just transition away from dirty, polluting fossil fuel exploration to clean, renewable energy sources; and

RESOLVED, That we Democrats recognize the harmful effects of climate change on North Carolina, including heat waves, sea level rise, stronger storms, and crop damage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we support a permanent ban on seismic airgun blasting and offshore drilling for the entire Atlantic Coast, including our beloved NC home.

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IN SUPPORT OF BUILDING A SCIENCE-BASED PLATFORM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS

WHEREAS Members of the 115th United States Congress have introduced and supported legislation that will eliminate the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS The current Administration supports deregulating industries that harm the environment and human health; and

WHEREAS Access to safe drinking water and clean air are necessary for basic human survival; and

WHEREAS Human contribution to drastic changes in climate has been scientifically proven; and

WHEREAS Deregulation of environmental protections will exact an economic and human toll on North Carolina, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the NC Democratic Party supports the existence of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the NC Democratic Party will work to maintain the environmental regulations that protect our communities from expensive and life-threatening practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the NC Democratic Party will use scientific evidence and peer-reviewed research to define a platform for better understanding human contributions to climate change and slowing its dangerous impacts to humans, plants and wildlife, the atmosphere, Earth's waterways, and other natural resources.

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