Resolution Supporting North Carolina NAACP Strategy for Addressing Poverty and Economic Justice

Whereas: The NC General Assembly, in the 2013, $20.6 billion budget, severely cut funds for education and created chaos in the public education system in North Carolina; and

Whereas: The General Assembly denied 500,000 poor NC families healthcare insurance under Medicaid; and

Whereas: The General Assembly reduced benefits and eligibility for unemployment assistance and denied Federal benefits for 170,000 long-term laid-off workers; and

Whereas: The General Assembly repealed the Racial Justice Act, which was designed to off-set systemic racial bias in judicial actions, and denied the Judicial Standards Committee the authority to discipline judges; and

Whereas: The General Assembly passed massive changes to election rules and procedures which seem intended to suppress, rather than encourage, citizen participation in the electoral process; and

Whereas: The North Carolina NAACP, leading the Forward Together Movement, has rallied major support to oppose these actions of the General Assembly and has called for public policies that focus on justice for all and care for the common good:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

The New Hanover County Democratic Party supports the NC NAACP and the Forward Together Movement as they rally citizens to oppose the actions of the 2013 General Assembly and advocate for educational equality and quality; healthcare and environmental justice for all; economic sustainability, good jobs, and labor rights; an end to discrimination in the criminal justice system; and restoration of fair and equitable voting rights.

Wrightsville Beach Precinct Chair

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