

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DISENFRANCHISED VOTERS

WHEREAS, North Carolina was one of the first states to act with some of the nation's most restrictive voting rules after the United States Supreme Court struck down Section 4 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act;

WHEREAS, the Voting Rights Act was enacted to prevent racially discriminatory voting practices and minorities represent a disproportionate percentage of those without voter ID;

WHEREAS, women, seniors, and youth are also disenfranchised by the Voter Information Verification Act (VIVA);

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party is committed to the protection of rights for all individuals regardless of age, race, creed, gender, religion, or sexual orientation;

WHEREAS, voter ID laws were clearly NOT enacted to address voter fraud as the North Carolina State Board of Elections has only reported 2 cases of voter impersonation fraud in about the last 10 years;

WHEREAS, voting is a fundamental and Constitutional right of all Americans;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Voter Information Verification Act will significantly disenfranchise and discourage voter participation among minorities, women, seniors, and young people;

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Democratic Party will work to help ensure that every North Carolina citizen who could be disenfranchised by the current voting restrictions has equal access to the ballot box.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the appellate courts not overturn the legislation, we will work to our utmost ability to assist individuals in obtaining the required voter identification, updating their registrations, and educating them as to the new restrictions.

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