

## Resolution Supporting Early Voting and Other Voting Reforms

Whereas, the right to vote should be freely exercised; and

Whereas, placing impediments to voting hinders citizens from exercising their constitutional rights;

Whereas, the right to vote in the 2012 election, as in prior elections, was unduly burdened by excessively long lines, which required voters to wait up to six hours, sometimes in cold, rain, and darkness; and

Whereas, many voters cannot wait in line for hours because they must return to their jobs or families or are physically incapable from doing so; and

Whereas, allowing voters to vote in advance of election day would lessen the burden on voters who do vote on election day; and

Whereas, 32 states provide "non-excuse absentee voting," also called "early voting;" and

Whereas, such a voting system can be implemented with appropriate safeguards to prevent potential fraud; and

Whereas, there really is no good reason to prevent voters from voting early.

Therefore, the Democratic Party of Virginia endorses state and federal legislation and administrative actions that will assist states in making voting fair, accurate, secure, and timely.

Submitted by Frank Leone and the Resolutions Committee

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