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Resolution Calling to End Gun Violence and to Hold Elected Officials Accountable

WHEREAS, our elected leaders should serve the interests of the people they represent. They should work together to solve problems for the common good and keep us safe. The issue of gun violence shouldn't be an exception to this rule; and

WHEREAS, massacre after massacre, broken family after broken family, the gun lobby's close allies in Washington have continued to block any attempt to protect the American people from gun violence; and

WHEREAS, in a country as great as ours, no child should be afraid to go to school or walk around their neighborhood. No spouse should be afraid to come home at night. No American should be afraid to go to work or their place of worship. No human being should be afraid to go to a shopping mall or baseball field, nightclub or movie theater, concert or college campus; and

WHEREAS, opponents of reform shamelessly use mental illness as a shield for their inaction, and they've even banned the Centers for Disease Control from conducting research on the best ways to reduce gun violence; and

WHEREAS, too many politicians act as if these shootings are just a fact of everyday life, as if there's nothing we could have done to stop this one and nothing we can do to prevent the next one. They send thoughts and prayers while accepting millions from the National Rifle Association (NRA) to stay silent about every atrocity and stand in the way of even the smallest reforms; and

WHEREAS, gun homicide rates are 25 times higher in the U.S. than in any other high-income country. Every day, seven children and teens die from gun violence. In many states, people are more likely to be killed by a gun than in a car accident; and

WHEREAS, this is not normal, acceptable or inevitable; and

WHEREAS, there is plenty we can do to reduce gun violence while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners; and

WHEREAS, we believe that we should expand and strengthen background checks and close the online and gun show loopholes for those who want to purchase a firearm – because it shouldn't be easier to get a gun than a driver's license; we believe high-capacity magazines and assault weapons have no place on our streets; we believe Congress should strengthen silencer laws and ban bump stocks; we believe we should ensure that guns don't fall into the hands of terrorists (whether they be domestic or foreign), domestic abusers, other violent criminals, and those with documented threats to themselves or others; we believe we should strengthen Medicare, Medicaid, and mental health services; we believe we should direct the Centers for Disease Control and other relevant government agencies to research and treat gun violence as the deadly public health crisis it is; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Democratic Party will continue fighting based on these beliefs for policies that would help prevent the carnage that has become all too common in schools and communities across the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the DNC supports the efforts of the courageous young students who are organizing in Florida and across the country to hold elected officials accountable including holding the March for Our Lives on March 24, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we will honor the memories of those whose lives have been cut short by gun violence, including the 17 students, teachers, and school staff killed last month at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and in all other instances, by working relentlessly to end this epidemic once and for all.

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Resolution Reaffirming the DNC's Commitment to Economic Fairness, Creating Good Jobs, Raising Wages, and Building an Economy That Works for Everyone

WHEREAS, Democrats are committed to creating good-paying jobs that can support a middle-class life and economic security for hardworking Americans from nurses, firefighters, and teachers to construction workers, factory workers, and small business owners; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration and Republican leaders have passed a tax bill that rewards the wealthy at the expense of hardworking American families, and continue to attack unions, chip away at access to affordable health care, obstruct efforts to raise wages, and work to undo the economic progress of the Obama administration; and

WHEREAS, Democrats believe that the current minimum wage is a starvation wage and must be increased to a living wage, so that no one should have to raise a family in poverty; and

WHEREAS, if we are serious about reversing the decline of the middle class, we need major federal investments to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure and put millions of Americans back to work in good-paying jobs in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, Democrats believe one of the best ways to innovate, prosper, and create good-paying jobs is to make things in America; and

WHEREAS, we must help American workers and businesses compete for jobs and investments in global clean energy, the auto industry, high-tech products, internet technology products, and advanced manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Democrats realize the critical importance of small businesses as engines of opportunity for women, people of color, tribes, and people in rural America; and

WHEREAS, we must protect Social Security and ensure that every worker has access to a secure retirement.

WHEREAS, Democrats believe that today's extreme levels of income and wealth inequality are bad for our people, bad for our businesses, and bad for our economy; and

WHEREAS, our country depends on a thriving middle class to drive economic growth, but the middle class is shrinking, while the top one-tenth of one percent of Americans now own almost as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent combined; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, to restore economic fairness, Democrats will fight against the greed and recklessness of Wall Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the DNC will do everything we can to build a full-employment economy, where everyone who wants one can have a job that pays enough to raise a family, that provides a sense of dignity and purpose, and that helps build strong, sustained, shared economic growth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we will work to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour, give all Americans the ability to join a union regardless of where they work, create new ways for workers to have power in the economy so every worker can earn at least \$15 an hour, make it easier to start and grow a small business in America, and encourage our elected leaders to make investments that spur the creation of jobs for our young people.

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Resolution to Celebrate the Democratic Party's 2017 Electoral Successes

WHEREAS, Democratic candidates won more than 100 elections in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party picked up more than 30 state legislative seats, including in deep-red districts in Georgia, Oklahoma and Iowa; and

WHEREAS, cities across the country elected their first African-American, Latinx, or women mayors, and other "firsts"; and

WHEREAS, the DNC was instrumental in helping those Democrats secure their victories with targeted investments, dedicated staff, organizing efforts, digital resources and other support; and

WHEREAS, the DNC has dramatically reorganized since the 2016 election with a new mission of electing Democrats from the school board to the Oval Office in every ZIP code; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the DNC has already begun scaling up the party's successful 2017 strategy to ensure that the 2018 elections are even more successful;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Democrats will continue to celebrate our victories, work together to replicate our successful campaign strategies, and unify around our party platform to make the 2018 midterm elections some of the most successful in our party's history in order to build a brighter future for all Americans.

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Resolution to Uphold and Honor the Role Immigration Has Played in America

WHEREAS, we are a nation, that despite current and past eruptions of nativism, has been welcoming of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have made significant contributions to our nation in every facet of life, affirming that immigration remains a driving force in our nation's economic wellbeing and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, beyond those immigrants who have been leaders in business, science, the arts and culture, and sports, there are the millions of hard working unknown heroes who have taken the risk of coming to America from every continent seeking freedom and opportunity and have supported their families putting their children on the path to success; and

WHEREAS, American Dreamers, who are just as American as any US-born child, contribute to our economy, our communities, pay taxes, and serve in our nation's military. Democrats know that protecting these young immigrants strengthens our economy and families across the country; and

WHEREAS, as a party, we oppose rhetoric and policies that advance negative stereotypes of immigrants and promote divisiveness in our national discourse and our communities; and

WHEREAS, some Republican leaders have propagated nativist, inflammatory language intended to skew the public's perception of immigrants and immigrant communities seeking new opportunities on our shores and in so doing, have sought to define the current debate about immigration reform through disrespectful and fearmongering frames; and

WHEREAS, some Republican leaders have referred to immigrants as "gang members," "rapists," "terrorists," and "criminals," hailing from "S***hole countries," which has fed into a political atmosphere charged with xenophobia; and

WHEREAS, those seeking to limit legal immigration have cast the vital and humane policy of family reunification as "chain migration," worked to smear the diversity visa program in an attempt to further exclude immigrants based on race and ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, diversity visas have opened up our country to immigrants from countries that had been excluded from or were severely underserved by the earlier quota system; and

WHEREAS, in addition to pushing new policies that would cut in half the number of refugees admitted to the U.S., today's Republican leadership is cynically using young people known as Dreamers as leverage to secure their ineffective and unnecessary costly border wall; and

WHEREAS, in their desire to limit the number of immigrants coming to the U.S., honest and hardworking people have been stripped of their dreams with the revocation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for people hailing from countries shattered by war and natural disasters, and through inhumane raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) into the homes and businesses of individuals across this country; and

WHEREAS, we, as Democrats, stand for principled and comprehensive immigration reform that includes protection for Dreamers, a pathway to citizenship for undocumented workers, respect and compassion for refugees and those seeking asylum, and provisions that allow for the reunification and strengthening of families; and

WHEREAS, without substantial reforms to the immigration system and the tenor of the immigration debate, the system as a whole will be tainted by racism;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee joins with Americans across the country, and from all backgrounds, to protect immigrants whose lives have been upended or threatened by this administration's policies, to denounce racist and baseless allegations made against them, and to affirm the necessity of transparency in the immigration process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DNC refuses to adopt the disrespectful and nativist rhetoric of Republican leaders; including terms such as "chain migration," "lottery visas," "low-skilled workers," "anchor baby," and "illegals" to describe the hardworking men, women, and children who wish to be part of the American Dream, and further push back on those who have introduced such language into our national debate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the Majority Leader of the United States Senate.

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Resolution to Hold Donald Trump Accountable for Referring to Foreign Nations as “Shhole Countries”***

WHEREAS, Donald Trump referred to the countries of origin for millions of American immigrants as “sh***hole countries”; and

WHEREAS, his words fit a broader pattern of racist comments and language unbecoming to the office of the president; and

WHEREAS, disparaging people from other nations weakens our standing on the world stage and makes us less safe; and

WHEREAS, Republican leaders have excused the president's behavior rather than censure him; and

WHEREAS, Democrats believe that our nation's diversity is our strength, and that we are a nation of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the United States is a great nation because of the social, economic, political and cultural contributions of immigrants and their descendants; and

WHEREAS, immigrants contribute to our society as teachers, doctors, lawyers, government leaders, soldiers, entrepreneurs, activists, PTA members, and pillars of our communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party will work to hold Donald Trump accountable and organize to elect more Democrats who value the contributions of immigrants of every background; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Democrats will continue to lead by example in our treatment of immigrants and immigrant families and welcome them warmly as they seek to integrate into the fabric of American life and pursue the American Dream.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

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 Ron Harris, Minnesota
 Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Charlie King, At-Large/New York
 Nikema Williams, Georgia
 Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution in Recognition of Black History Month

WHEREAS, this month is an opportunity to recognize the immense and invaluable contributions of African Americans to our nation; and

WHEREAS, we honor scientists and entrepreneurs, public servants and activists, and individuals from all walks of life. We remember centuries of heroes who have broken down barriers of inequality – from Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth to Dr. King, Bayard Rustin, Fannie Lou Hamer, Ella Baker, Rosa Parks, and so many others, including our very own C. Delores Tucker, a founder of the DNC Black Caucus; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate those who fought for abolition, who rode for freedom and marched for jobs and justice, who stood up and sat in for equality, who made the election of Barack Obama possible, and who continue to assert the fundamental truth that Black lives matter; and

WHEREAS, while Black History Month is about honoring the contributions of African Americans, we must also recognize that our journey toward racial equality and opportunity is far from complete; and

WHEREAS, we must confront the fact that the echoes of slavery still reverberate throughout our society; and

WHEREAS, despite our great forward strides, systemic discrimination persists in our nation. We see it in courtrooms and classrooms, in doctors' offices and job interviews, at traffic stops and awards ceremonies, in the water we drink and the air we breathe.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as we celebrate Black History Month, the Democratic Party remains committed to combating the relics of injustice that continue to burden African Americans in every ZIP code across America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as we approach the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we remember that he died organizing with sanitation workers demanding higher wages, safer working conditions, and a recognition of the dignity of their work. The DNC remains committed to fighting for the least of these and in the face of hate and bigotry and systems of oppression strives to achieve the Beloved Community.

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Betty Richie, Texas

Resolution in Recognition of Women's History Month

WHEREAS, women of every color, class, creed, sexual orientation, and gender identity have made invaluable contributions to this country since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is an opportunity to honor the countless women who have broken down barriers. We honor scientists and suffragists, engineers and entrepreneurs, athletes and public servants, and so many others who have moved our country forward and blazed a trail of progress for future generations; and

WHEREAS, working women contribute \$7.6 trillion to our GDP each year. In four out of ten American households with children, the mother is either the sole or primary breadwinner. It's long past time we make sure that women are guaranteed the same pay as men for doing the same work; and

WHEREAS, President Obama's administration made great strides for women's rights, including passing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, creating a National Equal Pay Task Force, expanding overtime protections for millions of working women, passing the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, expanding funding and opportunities for women and girls in STEM, making no-additional-cost birth control available for more than 55 million women; and

WHEREAS, we reaffirm our party platform, which states that we are committed to ensuring full equality for women. Democrats will fight to end gender discrimination in the areas of education, employment, health care, or any other sphere. We will combat biases across economic, political, and social life that hold women back and limit their opportunities and also tackle specific challenges facing women of color. After almost 240 years, we will finally enshrine the rights of women in the Constitution by passing the Equal Rights Amendment. And we will urge U.S.

ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic Party is proud to stand in solidarity with women around the world marching for progress and striving for true equality. We believe in equal pay, more affordable health care, paid family leave, affordable child care, investing in education and educators, putting an end to violence against women, and ending sexual harassment and assault wherever it occurs so that no women have to say #metoo. We believe in passing laws that ensure the United States remains a leader on women's rights on the world stage. And we will not back down when it comes to fighting Donald Trump and his Party as they try to turn back the clock.

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Resolution Reaffirming the Democratic Party's Historic Commitment to the Right of All Working People to Form Unions and Effectively Bargain Collectively with Their Employers

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party is, as our name says, the party of democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has from its very beginnings been a party of working people; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party believes that the values of our democracy are incongruent with a government that resembles a plutocracy of the wealthy and powerful;

WHEREAS, the working people of the United States make no more in real terms than their parents made in the 1970's even though we are far more productive and our country is far wealthier; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party has become a vehicle for billionaires and extremists to attack workers' fundamental rights; and

WHEREAS, many workers in America today lack the most basic rights on the job—the right to not be fired without a reason, the right to bargain collectively for a better life, and the right to strike without fear of being fired or sued or jailed; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, Republicans in Congress and the Trump administration appear committed to trying to take away these fundamental democratic rights from those who do enjoy them;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee reaffirms the Democratic Party's historic commitment to the right of all working people to form unions and effectively bargain collectively with their employers without fear of retaliation or dismissal as a fundamental right essential to securing the economic and political foundations of democracy, and the Democratic Party believes this right belongs to public and private sector workers, to agricultural, industrial, professional, technical and digital workers, it belongs to immigrants and those born here, to full time and part time, temporary and permanent, and to employees and independent contractors, and we call upon employers to honor this right and upon our friends in the Republican Party to join us in our commitment to this fundamental democratic value.

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Resolution Embracing our Unionized Party Workers

WHEREAS, unions have represented a positive force for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party stands behind the effort of all workers to unionize; and

WHEREAS, the employees of the State of Vermont and the State of Idaho Democratic Parties have chosen to form workers' unions; and

WHEREAS, these efforts provide workers' protections in our workplace and provide our parties and campaigns with a history of ongoing best practices and support;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee reaffirms the Democratic Party's commitment to unionization of employees and embraces all Democratic State Parties and Democratic organizations that choose to unionize.

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Resolution in Support of Greatly Expanding the Head Start Program in order to Save Working Families Approximately \$130 Billion per Year

WHEREAS, according to a 2015 Forbes study titled “Does Child Care Cost More Than College Where You Live,” in the U.S., 11 million children under the age of five are in some form of daycare. For those families, the average cost of daycare is \$9,589 per year. This amount varies wildly depending on location, with working families in Washington, D.C. paying an average of \$1,829 per month; and

WHEREAS, Forbes found that child care is one of the most significant family costs and often exceeds housing and transportation. In 30 states, child care is more expensive than the average cost of a public university; and

WHEREAS, empowering families and expanding access to education are true Democratic values and proven to be economically beneficial; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee strongly supports expanding Head Start Programs, which would save American families nearly \$130 billion per year.

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Resolution to Protect Social Security from Republican Attacks

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party believes that a secure retirement is a key component to realizing the American Dream. The Democratic Party is proud to be the party that created Social Security. This hallmark of America's social safety net has some connection to nearly every U.S. citizen through one of its programs: retirement, survivor and disability insurance; and,

WHEREAS, Social Security keeps millions of people out of poverty each year and allows seniors to retire with dignity and respect; and,

WHEREAS, for decades Republicans have been hell-bent on attacking this crucial benefit through attempts to cut, privatize or otherwise weaken Social Security. and

WHEREAS, after adding \$1.5 trillion dollars to the deficit last year by slashing taxes for millionaires and billionaires, Republicans once again began talking about cutting social security and other entitlements as a way to reduce the deficit; and

WHEREAS, President Trump reportedly told his Republican colleagues that he would be ready to go after social security on the first day of his second term in office;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee opposes Republican efforts to slash benefits for current Social Security recipients, privatize the Social Security system, or otherwise jeopardize the long-term viability of Social Security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee promotes work to guarantee timely benefits and high-quality service to Social Security recipients for generations to come.

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Resolution in Support of Providing Tax Credits to Responsible Entrepreneurs and Encouraging Small Businesses to Partner with Local Unions

WHEREAS, small businesses are the true growth engines of America and are a key generator of jobs that cannot be easily outsourced to other countries; and

WHEREAS, opening small businesses provide immigrants a time-tested opportunity for entrance into the middle class; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are under threat from multinational corporations that have the capability to move wherever costs are lower internationally; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic National Committee strongly supports small businesses, their employees, and their owners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee encourages Democratic candidates for Congressional, Senatorial and Presidential elections to actively support and promote policies that benefit small businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee encourages Democratic leaders to advance tax credits and other incentives for small businesses that create good paying and environmentally sustainable positions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee and affiliated stakeholders will actively pursue forming partnerships between unions and small business;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both unions and small businesses are threatened by large conglomerates that outsource jobs and pay below-average wages;

BE IN FURTHER RESOLVED, that unions and small business must see each other as valued allies in the struggle to keep good paying jobs in the U.S.

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Resolution to Reverse Inequality and Combat Climate Change

WHEREAS, climate change is inextricably linked with inequality due to its disproportionate impact on the health and livelihood of working people, indigenous people, low-income people, women, people of color, and all disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, climate-charged extreme weather events are occurring with increasing frequency, intensity and duration; and

WHEREAS, drastic action is needed to prevent catastrophic and irreversible climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has divided working people by claiming that the solutions to climate change will hurt our economy and cause job losses, when in fact it has proven to do the opposite; and

WHEREAS, building the 21st-century infrastructure this country needs in renewable energy, energy efficiency, public transit, sustainable agriculture, and more can create thousands of high-paying jobs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic Party supports a worker-led solution to climate change that reverses inequality and combats climate change by building an unbreakable bond between climate jobs and good jobs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to create this bond, the Democratic Party urges the passage of legislation at the local, state, and national levels to create energy efficiency and renewable energy mandates that establish labor standards ensuring that jobs in the renewable energy sector are created for residents of the communities the sector serves and that all workers in those jobs have a meaningful right to collectively bargain with their employers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party demands a solution to the climate crisis that promotes full employment, protects and supports working people and builds more equitable communities for all.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Tim Vandever, Chair, Hawaii
 John Verdejo, North Carolina
 Jan Bauer, At-Large, Iowa
 Bickford, Chair, Massachusetts
 Casey Steinau, Chair, Alaska
 Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Urging Establishment of Climate Conservation Corps

WHEREAS, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a public work relief program that operated from 1933 to 1942 in the United States as part of the New Deal; and

WHEREAS, the CCC was a major part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal that provided unskilled manual labor jobs related to the conservation and development of natural resources in rural lands owned by federal, state and local governments. The CCC was designed to provide jobs for young men, and to relieve families who had difficulty finding jobs during the Great Depression in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the American public made the CCC among the most popular of all the New Deal programs. The CCC also led to a greater public awareness and appreciation of the outdoors and the nation's natural resources, and the continued need for a carefully planned, comprehensive national program for the protection and development of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, during the time of the CCC, enrollees planted nearly 3 billion trees to help reforest America, constructed trails, lodges and related facilities in more than 800 parks nationwide and upgraded most state parks, updated forest fire fighting methods, and built a network of service buildings and public roadways in remote areas; and

WHEREAS, according to the predictions made by climatologists, global warming and the resulting changes in the climate of our planet are being caused in large part by human activity. Climate change will lead to disastrous and potentially catastrophic consequences, including widespread exceptional droughts that will drastically reduce food production and lead to widespread starvation, which in turn, may lead to conflict within and between nation; and

WHEREAS, men and women could be hired to implement a "Green New Deal", including a Climate Conservation Corps to address climate change, to improve energy efficiency in homes and businesses, to manufacture wind turbines and solar panels, to construct wind farms and solar farms, and to plant trees, to address climate catastrophes, national and state park maintenance backlogs, and to assist in flood relocation and wetland restoration; and

WHEREAS, funding for these projects could come from a tax on long-term capital gains and qualified dividends. Taxing long-term capital gains and qualified dividends at the same rate as

other forms of income and using the money raised to put unemployed and under-employed workers to work on socially useful jobs, is an effective and direct means of moving toward full employment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee acknowledges the power and benefits of this approach to address the threat posed by the climate crisis, which would yield immediate benefits by providing a powerful boost to the economies of the states enacting a Green New Deal.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Clay Middleton, South Carolina
Yvette Lewis, Maryland
Tanya Shively, Oregon
John Verdejo, North Carolina
Gus Bickford, Chair, Massachusetts
Ron Harris, Minnesota
Charlie King, At-Large/New York
Nikema Williams, Georgia

Resolution on Restoring Voting Rights to Felons

WHEREAS, an estimated 6 million Americans are forbidden to vote because of felony disenfranchisement, or laws restricting voting rights for those convicted of felony level crimes; and

WHEREAS, Vermont and Maine are the only two states with no disenfranchisement for people with criminal convictions; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2.5 percent of the total U.S. voting age population – 1 of every 40 adults – is disenfranchised due to a current or previous felony conviction; and

WHEREAS, individuals who have completed their sentences in twelve states that disenfranchise people post-sentence make up over 50 percent of the entire disenfranchised population, totaling almost 3.1 million people; and

WHEREAS, rates of disenfranchisement vary dramatically by state due to broad variations in voting prohibitions. In six states – Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Virginia – more than 7 percent of the adult population is disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida alone accounts for more than a quarter (27 percent) of the disenfranchised population nationally, and its nearly 1.5 million individuals disenfranchised post-sentence account for nearly half (48 percent) of the national total; and

WHEREAS, one in 13 African Americans of voting age is disenfranchised, a rate more than four times greater than that of non-African Americans. Over 7.4 percent of the adult African American population is disenfranchised compared to 1.8 percent of the non-African American population; and

WHEREAS, African American disenfranchisement rates also vary significantly by state. In four states – Florida (21 percent), Kentucky (26 percent), Tennessee (21 percent), and Virginia (22 percent) – more than one in five African Americans is disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, Iowa, Kentucky, and Florida are the three states that permanently disenfranchise all people with felony convictions from voting, unless their respected government approves individual rights to be restored; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2016, the Iowa Supreme Court upheld the state's disenfranchisement law in a 4-3 split decision in a case called *Griffin v. Pate*; and

WHEREAS, following an executive order on December 22, 2015 by Kentucky's governor, their felony disenfranchisement law is one of the harshest in the nation. The state's constitution permanently bars all individuals with past felony convictions from voting, unless the governor restores the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2018 Floridians for a Fair Democracy announced that their campaign, Florida Second Chances, had surpassed the 766,200 signature threshold to get an amendment on the 2018 ballot that would give the ability to vote back to Floridians with felony convictions that have completed their sentences. If this constitutional amendment passes this November, over 1.5 million Floridians would be eligible to register to vote; giving those who have served their time a second chance to participate in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law and The Sentencing Project are two of many non-partisan and non-profit organizations dedicated to conducting research, advocating, and offering sound recommendations in the quest of restoring the right to vote for felons; and

WHEREAS, it will take elected and appointed officials to produce needed legislation and develop policy, grass top and grassroots organizations to give voice, and the Democratic Party to mobilize voters to restore voting rights to people with criminal convictions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to meet the needs of those we proclaim to serve and in an attempt to tackle systemic problems such as the criminal justice system, the DNC will support the work being done in states like Florida this November and work with others to do the same.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Yasmine Taeb, Virginia
Michael Kapp, California
Chris Reeves, Kansas
Travis Nelson, Oregon
Andrew Werthmann, Wisconsin
Khary Penebaker, Wisconsin
John Eastwood, Democrats Abroad
Nikki Barnes, Florida
Susan Eastlake, Idaho
Jorge Quintana, Montana
Frank Leone, Virginia
Casey Steinau, Chair, Alaska
John Verdejo, North Carolina
Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia
Charlie King, At-Large/New York
Nikema Williams, Georgia

Resolution in Support of Reforms to Our Bail System

WHEREAS, authorities including courts in many jurisdictions, the American Bar Association, and the U.S. Justice Department during President Obama's presidency, are recognizing the unconstitutionality, inequities, and numerous negative consequences of requiring cash bail for defendants who are unable to pay; and

WHEREAS, the 8th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits the requirement of excessive bail or the imposition of excessive fines; and

WHEREAS, deprivation of liberty implicates due process and equal protection principles; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of bail is to enable defendants to retain their liberty prior to trial by providing a financial incentive for a defendant to show up for court appearances. Bail is not intended to be a form of pre-trial detention, nor constitute a deterrent to liberty; and

WHEREAS, there is a legal presumption that all people are innocent until found guilty; and

WHEREAS, according to *Moving Beyond Money: A Primer on Bail Reform*, a 2016 publication of the Criminal Justice Policy Program at Harvard Law School: "Nationwide 34% of defendants are kept in jail pretrial solely because they are unable to pay a cash bond, and most of these people are among the poorest third of Americans."; and

WHEREAS, even very short stays in jail can create disruption and devastation in the lives of the incarcerated and their loved ones - causing individuals to lose jobs, leaving children without

care, causing parents to lose custody of their children, risking violence inflicted in jail by guards or other inmates, risking sexual victimization, even risking loss of life; and

WHEREAS, being unable to make bail strongly increases the likelihood that even completely innocent individuals will accept plea bargains in order to go free; and

WHEREAS, remaining in jail hinders a defendant's ability to participate in their own defense; and

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions including Colorado, Kentucky, Illinois, New Jersey, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia have severely limited the use of cash bail, and other jurisdictions are considering reforms; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the devastation created in the lives of people and their families due to the inability to pay bail, incarcerating all these individuals costs governments billions of dollars; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee strongly supports the enactment of laws and/or court rules to reform bail systems and the imposition of unaffordable criminal justice debt at all levels of government.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

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John Verdejo, North Carolina
Ron Harris, Minnesota
Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Affirming the Effectiveness of Community-Oriented Policing Practices and Opposing the Militarization of Police in our Communities

WHEREAS, President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing identified dozens of recommendations directly relevant to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies that are intended to foster "strong, collaborative relationships between local law enforcement and the communities they protect" by using effective strategies that support community policing, reduce crime and increase legitimacy of the public's view of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, President Obama's Executive Order 13688 was intended to monitor law enforcement's acquisition of, use of and training practices related to certain types of military equipment used by local, tribal and state law enforcement agencies in an effort to (1) respond to public concerns of a growing "militarization" of law enforcement; (2) protect civil rights and civil liberties; and (3) ensure consistency across federal agencies to ensure that equipment acquired through Federal programs is appropriate to the needs of a community; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration issued a broad revocation of Executive Order 13688 in August 2017 and has indicated its intention to focus federal resources and technical assistance away from widely-supported community policing initiatives; and

WHEREAS, both the recommendations of President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing and the recommendations of the interagency Law Enforcement Equipment Working Group were developed or enacted in recognition that the public's trust in law enforcement is eroding; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee supports law enforcement's continued adoption and practice of evidence-based community policing strategies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee encourages reevaluating the recommendations pursuant to Executive Order 13688, which reflect common-sense, were developed with input from the law enforcement community and promote good governance at all levels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the absence of the Executive Branch restoring the acquisition and training practices required by the Law Enforcement Equipment Working Group, Congress work to permanently establish a similar working group that has the authority to evaluate, at least annually, the policies and procedures that directly impact local, tribal, and state governments' ability to acquire and use military equipment.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan
Donna Christensen, Chair, Virgin Islands
Khary Penebaker, Wisconsin
Kasey L. Summerville, Arkansas
Tim Vandever, Chair, Hawaii
Casey Steinau, Chair, Alaska
John Verdejo, North Carolina
Ron Harris, Minnesota
Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia
Charlie King, At-Large/New York
Nikema Williams, Georgia
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Supporting Black GOTV

WHEREAS, the outcome of the 2018 elections is critical to the future of our country; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress have done significant damage to our nation's middle class and working families with a disproportionate effect on Black families. It is imperative that Democrats regain majorities in the House and Senate to reverse this damage; and

WHEREAS, Black voters have been the backbone of the Democratic Party for decades. To take back the House and Senate, we must invest in and lift up Black families across the country. When we invest in the Black community and organize in the Black community, we win elections. Nowhere was that more evident than in 2017's marquee elections where the DNC effectively worked with local elected officials and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the DNC invested nearly \$1 million in Alabama to elect Doug Jones by mobilizing Alabama's African-American community. DNC efforts included hiring Black consultants for HBCU, faith, and minority business community outreach, deploying dozens of staffers on the ground engaging Black leaders and implementing organizing programs, and using new tech tools to identify eligible Black voters not previously contacted by political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the DNC invested \$1.5 million in Virginia to fund dozens of organizers in Black and Brown communities in Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads, Richmond and minority communities across the Commonwealth, hired Black staff and consultants to manage crucial organizing and direct mail campaigns to elect Ralph Northam and Justin Fairfax governor and lieutenant governor; and

WHEREAS, DNC investments played a key role in electing Black women mayors across the country last fall; and

WHEREAS, Black local and state elected officials and DNC members, as well as members of Congress, know their communities best, and are known and respected leaders there. These leaders have on-the-ground GOTV infrastructure in place;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DNC remains committed to this new strategy of investing in and organizing within the Black community by working with local leaders to identify staff, consultants and vendors from within the community to effectively mobilize voters. The DNC remains committed to ensuring that Black communities receive the support required to ensure the highest possible turnout on Election Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that DNC Black Caucus shall organize its membership across the country to lead GOTV and to work with and advise the DNC leadership on needs, concerns and strategies including but not limited to the use of black consultants and contractors, advertising and placement of Op-Eds and articles in black newspapers and other publications and expanded engagement on black radio and TV.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Yasmine Taeb, Virginia
 Michael Kapp, California
 Louis Elrod, Young Democrats of America/Georgia
 Akilah Ensley, Young Democrats of America/North Carolina
 Frank Leone, Virginia
 Atima Omara, Virginia
 Kathleen Hoang, Texas
 Travis Nelson, Oregon
 Andrew Werthmann, Wisconsin
 Khary Penebaker, Wisconsin
 John Eastwood, Democrats Abroad
 Nikki Barnes, Florida
 Susan Eastwood, Idaho
 Jorge Quintana, Montana
 Chris Reeves, Kansas
 Bel Leong-Hong, Maryland
 John Verdejo, North Carolina
 Gus Bickford, Chair, Massachusetts
 Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Marc Broklawski, Virginia
 Charlie King, At-Large/New York
 Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Betty Richie, Texas

Resolution Commending DNC Chairman Tom Perez for Instituting a Paid Internship Program at the DNC

WHEREAS, internships help students gain work experience in the professional world before and after graduation but often offer no compensation to young people who are attempting to make ends meet while their families are trying to manage the rising costs of a college education; and

WHEREAS, many talented students, especially from under-represented communities, are part of a demographic that is among the most loyal supporters of the Democratic Party, but cannot participate in unpaid internships because they do not offer compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party needs to recruit and retain passionate and skilled young professionals in order to compete and win in upcoming elections; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Democratic National Committee membership commends Chairman Tom Perez, a former Labor Secretary, who understands the needs of Working Americans, for authorizing stipends for students who participate in the DNC internship program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee membership encourages all Democratic Party committees and campaigns to prioritize investing resources in their young staff and volunteers to encourage the long-term participation and growth of our Party.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Yasmine Taeb, Virginia
 Keith Ellison, Deputy Chair/Minnesota
 Grace Meng, New York
 Barbara Lee, California
 James Zogby, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Larry Cohen, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Michael Kapp, California
 Chris Reeves, Kansas
 Travis Nelson, Oregon
 Andrew Werthmann, Wisconsin
 Khary Penebaker, Wisconsin
 John Eastwood, Democrats Abroad
 Bart Dame, Hawaii
 Jeri Shepherd, Colorado
 Jessica Sell Chambers, Wyoming
 Valdez Bravo, Oregon
 Winston Apple, Missouri
 Tin Vandever, Chair, Hawaii
 Atima Omara, Virginia
 Terje Anderson, Chair, Vermont
 Tanya Shively, Oregon
 John Verdejo, North Carolina
 Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Calling Upon the Democratic Members of the 115th Congress to Reassert their Constitutional Authority to Repeal the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) and to Debate and Vote on a new AUMF

WHEREAS, the Constitution gives Congress the sole power to declare war; and

WHEREAS, the framers of the Constitution understood that the monumental decision to go to war, which can result in massive death and the destruction of civilized society, must be made by the representatives of the people and not by a single person; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) was passed three days after the attacks of September 11, 2001 in order to target those who committed or assisted with the attacks; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 AUMF is an overly broad piece of legislation that has been used as an open-ended authorization for the use of military force; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2018 Congressional Research Service Report, the 2001 AUMF has been used to conduct at least 41 military actions in 18 different countries; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Barbara Lee's amendment to the 2018 Department of Defense appropriations bill to repeal the 2001 AUMF passed with bipartisan support on June 29, 2017 but was stripped from the appropriations bill by Speaker Paul Ryan; and

WHEREAS, it is long past time for Congress to reclaim its constitutionally-designated authority by setting clear parameters around where and when our nation uses military force; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Progressive Caucus and the House Liberty Caucus held an Ad-Hoc Hearing on the 2001 AUMF on February 27, 2018 that focused on the need to repeal the 2001 AUMF; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee strongly encourages Democratic lawmakers to join bipartisan efforts to assert Congress' proper role and oversight responsibilities in determining when and where the United States uses military force by supporting efforts to repeal the 2001 AUMF and debate and vote on a new AUMF.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin
Rion Ramirez, Washington
Casey Steinau, Chair, Alaska
Yvette Lewis, Maryland
Morgan Carroll, Chair, Colorado
Bert Marley, Chair, Idaho
Mary Ellen Early, California
Judy Mount, Florida
Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia
Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Recognizing Taiwan as a Vital, Constructive and Reliable Partner in Asia, Supporting its Efforts Against Chinese Coercion, and Preservation of its Hard Won Freedom, Democracy, and Human Rights

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a full-fledged democracy, having conducted six free and fair presidential elections and continuously thriving as a free, open and diverse society, which serves as a model to East Asia and the world; and

WHEREAS, with increasing threat of Chinese economic coercion against Taiwan and Chinese expansion in the South China Sea and East China Sea, both of which undermine U.S. interests in the Asia Pacific, the United States will continue to work with its allies and partners in the region, including Taiwan, to respond to such threats, and safeguard freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rules-based international order; and

WHEREAS, without prior consultation with Taiwan, China's unilateral opening of northbound flights on the M503 aviation route in the Taiwan Strait and its extension routes entail latent hazards to aviation safety, the United States encourages the authorities in Beijing and Taipei to immediately engage in technical negotiations to resolve the related aviation safety disputes and ensure passenger safety; and

WHEREAS, the United States upholds its commitment under the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 and the Six Assurances of 1982, making available to Taiwan defense articles and services necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability to resist coercion and deter aggression and to give it the confidence to engage constructively with China through strength; and

WHEREAS, as a beacon of democracy and a bastion of human rights in the Asia-Pacific region, Taiwan has demonstrated its willingness and ability to play a positive role in addressing global challenges, and has obtained continuous U.S. support for Taiwan's international participation via the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF) and in functional international organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee recognizes Taiwan as a vital, constructive and reliable partner in Asia, and supports its effort against Chinese coercion, and commends its proactive role in preserving the universal values of freedom, democracy, and human rights.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Alexandra Chalupa, District of Columbia
 James Zogby, At-Large/District of Columbia
 Casey Steinau, Chair, Alaska
 Bel Leong-Hong, Maryland
 John Verdejo, North Carolina

Resolution Protecting and Preserving Our Institutions

WHEREAS, President Obama said in his farewell address that “our democracy is threatened whenever we take it for granted,” and that is our collective responsibility to rebuild and restore public trust in our democratic institutions;

WHEREAS, more than 20 million Americans work in public service as federal, state and local government employees; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated career public servants who work across all levels of government deserve respect from the president, regardless of party. They should not be silenced or belittled by their commander-in-chief, nor should their integrity be questioned or their work discredited simply to serve one's own partisan agenda.

WHEREAS, we should work together to restore faith in our democracy and our public institutions. The seat of our national government should always be a place where the American people can come to meet with their representatives, make their voices heard, march together for the issues they care about, celebrate our nation's history, and reaffirm their belief in the power of our democracy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee recognizes and applauds our nation's public servants for their undeniable contributions to the safety, security, and prosperity of the United States; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that Democrats will continue working to encourage more Americans to participate in careers that serve the public interest, and fight to strengthen the historic civic and cultural institutions that have made our country the envy of the world; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that we will work together to elect more Democratic public servants who reflect the values and diversity of our nation, and who will protect and preserve these institutions.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland
Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/ Wisconsin
Stuart Appelbaum, New York
Steve Regenstreif, National Democratic Seniors Coordinating
Council/District of Columbia
Carrie Pugh, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Paul Booth

WHEREAS, Paul Booth was born on June 7, 1943, in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Swarthmore College in 1964, where he majored in political science; and

WHEREAS, Booth devoted his entire life to organizing for the civil, social and economic rights of all people, starting by handing out leaflets at age nine during the 1952 presidential campaign; and

WHEREAS, he was a leading architect of the first major march on Washington against the Vietnam War and served as national secretary for the Students for a Democratic Society; and

WHEREAS, Booth was affiliated with AFSCME for more than four decades, where he helped found Council 31 in Illinois, securing the first union contract for thousands of state workers and city of Chicago employees and later became the director of field services and eventually became executive assistant to the AFSCME president; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 he served on the Platform Drafting Committee that drafted the most ambitious and progressive platform in the Democratic Party's history; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife Heather mentored and inspired generations of activists to continue to organize for social and economic justice; and

WHEREAS, Paul Booth passed away suddenly on January 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, AFSCME President Lee Saunders described Booth as "an organizer's organizer, a man of great generosity and integrity, a friend and mentor to so many people in AFSCME, the labor movement, and the progressive community"; and

WHEREAS, DNC Chair Tom Perez said "America lost an organizing icon, a titan of the labor movement, and a lifelong champion for working families";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Paul Booth's years of service to our country, the labor movement and the Democratic Party.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Ken Martin, DNC Vice Chair & ASDC President/Minnesota
Karen Carter Peterson, DNC Vice Chair for Civic Engagement &
Voter Participation/Louisiana
Michael McHale, Louisiana
Arthur Morrell, Louisiana
Arlanda Williams, National Democratic County Officials/Louisiana
Deborah Langhoff, Louisiana
Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of James Brady

WHEREAS, Judge James J. Brady served as the Louisiana State Party Chair for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brady served as the President of the ASDC and DNC Vice Chair for three terms; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brady was nominated by President Bill Clinton to the U.S. federal district court and confirmed in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brady subsequently settled East Baton Rouge's nearly 50-year-old school desegregation case; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brady was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brady treated everyone with dignity and fairness, maintaining a myriad of friendships of all ages, races, regions and economic stations; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brady passed away suddenly in December 2017;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Judge James J. Brady's years of service to building a stronger Democratic state party not only in Louisiana but also in every state party across the country and furthermore, honors his accomplishments as a federal judge who settled many cases of moral significance.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas
Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Charles Duncan

WHEREAS, Charles Duncan spent more than 35 years working in the arena of electoral politics, at the state, local and national levels; and

WHEREAS, he held senior management positions on the staff of eight presidential campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Duncan served as a scheduler during the Carter administration; and

WHEREAS, he was a Special Assistant to the President and Associate Director of the Office of Presidential Personnel during the Clinton Administration; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Clinton administration, Duncan served as a senior advisor at Global USA, a full-service governmental relations firm in Washington, DC, where he developed a business model which included providing an array of marketing services to companies and governmental agencies at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2017, Charles Duncan passed away;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Charles Duncan and offers condolences to his family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas
Harold Ickes, At-Large/District of Columbia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Janice Enright

WHEREAS, Janice Enright was born in Baldwin, NY, in October 1950; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Valley Stream South High School on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Enright received a BS degree in education from the Westbury campus of the State University of New York; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 she began working at Meyer, Suozzi, English and Klein, where she became involved in Democratic politics both in New York and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Enright, worked for numerous historic campaigns including the 1988 Jesse Jackson presidential campaign, the 1989 David Dinkins mayoral campaign, the 1992 and 1996 Bill Clinton presidential campaigns and the 1992 Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, she served in the Clinton White House as chief of staff to White House Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes, serving as his primary liaison to senior White House officials, Cabinet members, agency staff, members of Congress and their senior staff, Democratic Party officials, interest groups and the press; and,

WHEREAS, Enright served as chief of staff at the 1997 G-8 Summit in Denver; and

WHEREAS, in January 1997, along with Ickes, Enright formed The Ickes & Enright Group, a government relations and political strategy firm, where she served as president; and,

WHEREAS, at Ickes & Enright, she focused on education, particularly in early learning and workforce development programs for the most vulnerable—hardworking, underemployed, underpaid workers in America; and,

WHEREAS, Janice Enright passed away on February 6, 2018, at her home in Belle Haven, VA, after a year-long battle with neuroendocrine cancer; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor Janice Enright for her service to our country and the Democratic Party and offer condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Rep. Grace Meng, DNC Vice Chair/New York
 Keith Umemoto, California
 Bel Leong-Hong, Maryland
 Otto Lee, California

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of March Fong Eu

WHEREAS, March Fong Eu was born in Oakdale, California, on March 29, 1922 to Chinese immigrant parents; and

WHEREAS, she received a B.S. degree in dentistry from the University of California, Berkeley in 1943, a Master of Arts from Mills College in 1947, and an Ed.D. from Stanford Graduate School of Education in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Eu began her career in the 1950s as a dental hygienist, serving a term as president of the American Dental Hygienists Association, as well as serving on the Alameda County school board; and

WHEREAS, her term as president of the American Dental Hygienists Association inspired her to run for a position on the California State Assembly in 1966; and

WHEREAS, she was elected to the California State Assembly as the representative for the 15th District on a platform of banning pay toilets in government-funded buildings as they were unfair to women; and served four terms; and

WHEREAS, Eu was elected California's secretary of state in 1974, becoming the first Asian American woman ever elected to a state constitutional office in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as Secretary of State, Eu served five terms and introduced such changes including voter registration by mail; providing absentee ballots to anyone who requested them; internet reporting of election results; and including candidate statements in ballot pamphlets; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed the United States ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia in 1994 by President Bill Clinton, a position she held for two years; and

WHEREAS, every year since 1979, the National Notary Association bestows the March Fong Eu Award to the individual who or organization that "has done the most to improve the standards, image and quality of the office of Notary Public", an award for which Eu was the first recipient due to "...her extraordinary leadership in spearheading enactment of progressive Notary reform legislation, despite opposition from powerful lobbies who preferred lower notarial standards"; and

WHEREAS, Eu was heralded for breaking the glass ceiling, and described by California Governor Jerry Brown as "a pioneering woman who helped open doors to public service for more women and Asian Americans"; and

WHEREAS, March Fong Eu passed away on December 21, 2017, at the age of 95; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee honor March Fong Eu and offer condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/ Wisconsin
Travis Nelson, Oregon
John Verdejo, North Carolina
Ron Harris, Minnesota
Nikema Williams, Georgia

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Erica Garner

WHEREAS, Erica Garner was born on May 29, 1990, in Brooklyn, NY; and

WHEREAS, Garner became an advocate for police reform and a critic of the use of police force during arrests after her father Eric Garner died after being placed in a chokehold during an arrest; and

WHEREAS, following her father's death, she held twice-weekly marches to the scene of her father's death; and

WHEREAS, Garner also participated in Black Lives Matter demonstrations and other protest events; and

WHEREAS, she also set up the Garner Way Foundation, in her father's name to engage communities around the world in social justice issues through political awareness, music, arts, and activism; and

WHEREAS, December 30, 2017, Garner passed away after a heart attack in Brooklyn, NY, at the age of 27; and

WHEREAS, DeRay McKesson, a national voice for Black Lives Matter, said "Erica took the truth with her everywhere she went, even if that truth made people uncomfortable;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Erica Garner for here contributions to our country and offers condolences to her family.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Grace Meng, DNC Vice Chair/New York
Bel Leong-Hong, Maryland
Keith Umemoto, California
Otto Lee, California

Resolution Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Edwin M. Lee

WHEREAS, a dear friend and an extraordinary leader, Mayor Edwin M. Lee, died suddenly and tragically on December 12, 2017; his passing is not only a tragic loss for the City and County of San Francisco, but also an immense personal loss for all who were fortunate enough to call him friend; and

WHEREAS, for seven years, Mayor Ed Lee served as Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco with devotion and distinction; and

WHEREAS, as the first Asian American mayor of San Francisco, Ed was a tireless public servant and a trailblazer in the AAPI community; he took pride in being the first Asian American Mayor of a city with such a rich and robust Asian American heritage; and

WHEREAS, during the 2016 Democratic National Convention, Mayor Ed Lee served as Vice Chair of the DNC Platform Committee, and was chief architect of a number of proposed amendments which reflected Mayor Lee and other big city mayors' efforts to build on work with President Obama, our Party's nominee, the federal government and Democrats in the House and Senate for stronger partnerships on affordable housing and homelessness, as well as language to strengthen our collective stand against discrimination against transgender and LGBT Americans; and

WHEREAS, born the fourth of six children to hard-working Chinese immigrant parents of modest means, Ed was raised in public housing in Seattle, and lost his father at the age of 15; Ed excelled at academics, winning a scholarship to Bowdoin College in Maine, where he graduated summa cum laude in 1974; he then graduated Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Ed began his career as a community organizer and civil rights lawyer fighting for fair housing and for equal rights on behalf of immigrant communities; as a community organizer, civil rights lawyer and hard-working son of an immigrant family of modest means, Ed understood that the strength of a community is measured by its success in meeting the needs of all of its people; and

WHEREAS, Ed started his public service in City government as investigator for San Francisco's first Whistle Blower's Ordinance, going on to serve as director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, City Purchaser, Director of Public Works and City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Ed then served seven remarkable years as Mayor of San Francisco, an office he held with exceptional dignity and great effectiveness; Ed's first priority was always the people; he knew the rhythms and the workings of San Francisco at the most granular level, and dedicated decades to improving the lives of all San Franciscans; and

WHEREAS, his values-based, pragmatic leadership was invaluable in leading San Francisco into strong economic expansion and strengthening investor confidence; he was firmly committed to strengthening the vibrant, dynamic diverse communities of San Francisco, to expanding affordable housing including public housing, to tackling homelessness with a special focus on our veterans, to ensuring a living wage for all San Franciscans and to securing San Francisco as a Sanctuary City that welcomes all; and

WHEREAS, his bold, hopeful vision for the future has further secured San Francisco's role as a model city for the Nation; he set the higher standards for mayors and all elected officials as a true public servant; and

WHEREAS Mayor Ed Lee served, and continues to serve, as a role model for AAPIs nationally for his outstanding achievements in public service, and for his patriotism, his integrity, his dedication, and commitment to our democratic values; and

WHEREAS, all who knew Ed understood him as a true gentleman of great warmth, positivity and kindness; even through our heartbreak and sorrow, we think of the exceptional person Ed Lee was and the sacrifices he made; and

WHEREAS, we are still deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved Mayor Ed Lee; he helped so many people in his life and changed so many lives for the better; as we continue to grieve, we take comfort in knowing that he has left an inspiring and lasting legacy of uplifting and empowering American families; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee recognizes the contributions of Mayor Ed Lee's public service as an enduring, inspiring legacy that generations of Democrats across the country will benefit.

The following Resolution was considered by the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions Committee at its meeting on March 9, 2018, and recommended for adoption by the full DNC.

Submitted by: Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin
John Verdejo, North Carolina

Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Wyatt Tee Walker

WHEREAS, Wyatt Tee Walker was born on August 16, 1929, in Brocton, MA; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school in Merchantville, NJ, he went to Virginia Union University, where he received a bachelor's degree in both physics and chemistry in 1950; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, Walker received a master of divinity degree from Virginia Union and later received a doctorate from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School; and

WHEREAS, he preached for seven years at the Gillfield Baptist Church in Petersburg, VA, where he staged numerous acts of civil disobedience, which resulted in 17 arrests; and

WHEREAS, while in Petersburg, Walker served as president of the local branch of the NAACP, the state director of the Congress of Racial Equality, and founder of the Petersburg Improvement Association; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta in 1961, where he served as executive director and as Martin Luther King's right-hand man, and helped circulate Dr. King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and organize the 1963 March on Washington; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, he moved to Harlem, when he was named pulpit minister at the Abyssinian Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Jesse Jackson said Walker's "brilliance as a strategist was his greatest contribution to the civil rights movement;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic National Committee honors Wyatt Tee Walker for his contributions to our country and offers its condolences to his family.