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*Resolutions 2 and 3 were combined.*

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***Resolution on Gun Violence***

**WHEREAS**, The bloodshed we saw in El Paso, Dayton, and Gilroy recently was not inevitable, but the price of inaction; and

**WHEREAS**, we must stop pretending that we are powerless to prevent these tragedies; and

**WHEREAS**, Republican lawmakers continue to offer ‘thoughts and prayers,’ tell us not to ‘politicize the issue,’ and say that the aftermath of a shooting is not the time to have an honest conversation about how we can end our nation’s epidemic of gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, we know this because we heard them say the exact same things after Virginia Beach, Thousand Oaks, Pittsburgh, and Annapolis. They said it after Sante Fe, Sutherland Springs, and Las Vegas. They said after Orlando the first time, and Orlando the second time. They said it after Aurora in Colorado and Aurora in Illinois. They said it after Ft. Lauderdale, Burlington, San Bernardino, Roseburg, and Chattanooga. They said it after Parkland, Newtown, Virginia Tech, and Columbine; and

**WHEREAS**, the cruel indifference of the NRA and cowardice of Republican lawmakers must end; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we must come together as Americans and demand action, hold our elected leaders accountable, and do everything in our power to prevent these tragedies from happening – again and again and again;

**AND THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT**, Democrats support and care for the victims, families, first responders, and all those affected by the shootings in El Paso and Dayton, and honor the lives we’ve lost by working to end gun violence once and for all.

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***Resolution Recommitting the Democratic Party to the Work of Combating Climate Change and Creating Jobs by Growing our Clean Energy Economy***

**WHEREAS**, Democrats recognize that climate change is a present, urgent, and growing threat to our economy, our national security, and our future; and

**WHEREAS**, fighting climate change is both a moral imperative and one of the biggest economic opportunities of our time; and

**WHEREAS**, workers, communities of color and low-income Americans suffer disproportionately from environmental degradation and climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trump administration and many Republican lawmakers continue to roll back essential protections for our environment, climate, and public health; and

**WHEREAS**, President Trump betrayed American workers when he pulled out of the Paris Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Trump promised voters that he would be “the greatest jobs president God ever created,” and instead opened the door for China to create millions of clean energy jobs that would have otherwise been based in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Trump installed a former coal lobbyist as head of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, we must protect our planet from the threat of climate change while creating good jobs, raising labor standards, and organizing in clean energy sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats are committed to addressing the impact climate change can have on workers, families, and entire communities, while putting millions of Americans back to work in good-paying union jobs that provide high wages, secure retirements, and safe workplaces; and

**WHEREAS**, Democratic candidates for President of the United States are demonstrating their commitment to tackling the issue of climate change, having already scheduled two televised

forums on CNN and MSNBC to discuss the issue, and debating the issue during each of the DNC-sanctioned presidential primary debates;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** Democrats will address the serious threat of climate change through bold and inclusive solutions that grow the clean energy economy and expand America's middle class.

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***Resolution Establishing the DNC Environmental and Climate Crisis Council***

**WHEREAS**, the right of current and future generations to a liveable planet is a human right; and

**WHEREAS**, the climate crisis poses an existential threat to our planet, to our nation, and to all people—and is the paramount issue of our time; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific evidence is clear that in America and across the world, the health, safety and lives of millions are threatened by the increasing frequency and severity of disasters directly related to the human-caused climate crisis, including wildfire, flooding, drought, disease, pollution, record-breaking heat waves, hurricanes, tornadoes, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the climate crisis destroys productivity and jobs, and as the latest federal Climate Assessment states, will damage and disrupt the American economy across a wide spectrum of sectors, with resultant losses of millions of jobs and, in some sectors, of hundreds of billions of dollars annually, by 2100; and

**WHEREAS**, the failure to protect our environment and to address the climate crisis is a racial, social, and economic issue, with disproportionate impacts on people of lower income and people of color, and internationally on underdeveloped countries;<sup>[1]</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, all environmental issues including the climate crisis are intergenerational justice issues, with profound permanent implications not only for us, but for future generations, whose water, land, air, soil, and biodiverse planet we hold in trust; and

**WHEREAS**, environmental issues including the climate crisis pose great challenges and also great opportunities, with the potential for millions of new, good-paying union jobs in this country alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party's 2018 Charter & Bylaws states a commitment to a fair society in which a healthy environment is possible for all;<sup>[2]</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Democratic Party Platform calls for protecting our environment and tackling the climate challenge, creating millions of good-paying middle class jobs, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, securing environmental and climate justice, upholding the Paris Agreement, and ensuring that Democrats taking the lead on climate issues have the resources they need; and

**WHEREAS**, the DNC has previously established effective councils and committees for Poverty, Small Businesses, and Rural Communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the DNC has no formal or informal organizational structure that addresses this preeminent challenge of our era;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the DNC establish an Environmental and Climate Crisis Council which shall enable members of the Democratic National Committee as well as members of the wider Democratic community to discuss, deliberate, support, and further our Democratic commitment to protecting the environment; to uphold and pursue environmental and intergenerational justice; to make policy recommendations to the DNC—these policy recommendations to be in alignment with the purposes and goals of the Council as articulated in this Resolution and in the Bylaws; and to address the climate crisis.

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[1] <https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>

[2] <https://democrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/DNC-Charter-Bylaws-8.25.18-with-Amendments.pdf>



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***Resolution Encouraging all Contenders for the 2020 Presidential Nomination to Run Positive, Substantive Campaigns Focused on the Issues that Matter Most to Working People and Their Families***

**WHEREAS**, the person we nominate as our 2020 candidate for president of the United States will need every advantage heading into the general election to ensure victory on Election Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats inspire more voters and win more elections when our candidates focus on the kitchen table issues that matter most to working families; and

**WHEREAS**, a large number of qualified candidates are competing in our open primary for the nomination; and

**WHEREAS**, excessive negative campaigning and intra-party attacks during the primary could become detrimental to the ultimate success of our eventual nominee; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats share a common goal of building an America that works for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, Democrats put hope on the ballot, running positive campaigns that inspired millions of voters, and as a result, we had one of the most successful cycles in our party's history while electing our most diverse slate of candidates ever;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we encourage all candidates competing in the 2020 presidential primary process to avoid negative campaigning and personal attacks as much as possible; to run spirited, competitive, inspiring campaigns; and to hold civil, issues-focused debates with one another; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT**, we encourage all Democrats involved in the 2020 primary to unite behind our eventual presidential and vice presidential nominees and work together through the general election to ensure that we take back the White House.

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***Resolution on Immigration Reform, Effective Border Security, Ending Family Separation Policies, and Protecting Dreamers***

**WHEREAS**, we are a nation of immigrants, and we are strongest when we embrace our diversity and celebrate the talents of all who live here; and

**WHEREAS**, fixing our broken immigration system is one of the Democratic Party's top priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trump administration's family separation policies have created a horrific, heartbreaking, and entirely unnecessary immigration crisis at our borders; and

**WHEREAS**, at least two dozen immigrants have died in the custody of President Trump's Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe in passing reforms that include a pathway to citizenship, and we should not accept reforms that would create two classes of people or waste taxpayer dollars on ineffective measures; and

**WHEREAS**, fixing our broken immigration system would boost our economy, strengthen our borders, and decrease our deficit; and

**WHEREAS**, our broken immigration system affects individuals of all races who want to work as contributing members of our society or who are seeking asylum; and

**WHEREAS**, Dreamers and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients are our neighbors and friends, our classmates and coworkers. They are American in every way but on paper, and they deserve the chance to stay in the country they call home.

**WHEREAS**, it is long past time for Trump to stop using them as bargaining chips and work with Democrats to fix our broken immigration system.

**WHEREAS**, Trump has proposed a costly, ineffective border wall and treated federal workers like bargaining chips during the longest government shutdown in history instead of working with Congress on a comprehensive immigration plan;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the DNC will continue to advocate for meaningful reforms and effective border security, demand the reunification of families and an end to Trump's family separation policy, fight to protect Dreamers and TPS recipients, and work to prevent wasteful spending on ineffective solutions like Trump's border wall.

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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**, Democrats believe that the current federal minimum wage is a starvation wage and must be increased to a living wage, so that no one who works full time 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 ALSO 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 ALSO 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 on Creating Family Wage Jobs in the Clean Energy Economy***

**WHEREAS**, with an abundant supply of skilled workers and advanced technology, the United States is poised to take a critical role in the global clean energy movement; and

**WHEREAS**, the American workforce can advance the goals of the new energy economy while increasing U.S. competitiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, American policy should support the creation of innovation in the clean energy sector and ensure that the jobs in those industries are high-quality, safe, living-wage, family-supporting, union jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy estimates that every \$1 million invested in energy efficiency supports approximately 20 jobs in the construction industry; and

**WHEREAS**, high-quality domestic jobs would be created by putting people to work retrofitting manufacturing facilities to be more energy efficient; and

**WHEREAS**, retrofitting work can't be outsourced and more than 90% of the materials used are made in the United States, energy efficiency investments help to grow American jobs and the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, growing interest and investment in clean energy has led to a boom of new employment opportunities in the sector; but without adequate regulation to ensure job quality, these occupations may result in low-quality seasonal and short-term jobs;<sup>1</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> Center for Community Change

**WHEREAS**, along with providing fair wages, benefits, and overtime pay, project labor agreements provide contractors with skilled and reliable workers, ensure projects are finished in a timely manner, and provide workers with a safe work environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Davis-Bacon Act – along with its state and local counterparts — also helps keep construction jobs as good paying, family-supporting positions and maintain high standards in the industry by requiring contractors receiving public funds to pay the local prevailing wage; and

**WHEREAS**, North America’s Building Trades Unions’ U.S. Department of Labor-registered apprenticeship programs train workers to become highly-skilled construction workers, investing \$1.6 billion annually. If this system were a college or university, it would be the largest degree-granting college or university in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. apprenticeships have grown 56% since 2013 with over 585,000 apprentices enrolled in training programs<sup>2</sup> who will soon be actively looking for gainful employment; and

**WHEREAS**, with measures to prevent a drop in occupational quality, the clean energy economy can provide benefits to communities most heavily impacted by the transition from fossil fuel industries as well as frontline communities;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the United States hosts an independent workforce of 41 million and the IRS estimates that more than 3 million of these workers are misclassified by their employers every year with 10-20% misclassifying at least one employee as an independent contractor;<sup>4</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the union membership rate in 2018 was 10.5% with 14.7 million Americans involved in organized labor and utilizing collective bargaining for their wages; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the DNC supports policy that would drive development of American clean energy infrastructure and technology by considering labor standards in loan guarantees through federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of Transportation.

**THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT**, the DNC urges that all federal incentives for the green economy should require Made in America provisions and labor standards, including project labor agreements, prevailing wage laws, and the use of labor from federally recognized registered apprenticeship programs.

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<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Labor

<sup>3</sup> Center for Community Change

<sup>4</sup> MPO Partners

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***Resolution on Moving Green Energy Across America***

**WHEREAS**, the United States is fortunate to have abundant natural resources of wind and sunshine, which are increasingly being harnessed as integral sources of renewable energy; and

**WHEREAS**, wind turbines and solar arrays are not always situated in the high-population areas that consume the most energy, precipitating the need for long-distance, high-voltage electricity transmission lines; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States is constrained by a lack of transmission infrastructure, as meaningful upgrades to create a strong grid have not been made in the past 50 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States cannot meet its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals without modernizing its electrical grid and building additional transmission lines to deliver zero carbon hydro-, wind- and solar-generated electricity from rural areas to population centers; and

**WHEREAS**, a nationwide assessment found that “\$30–90 billion dollars of incremental transmission investments will be necessary in the U.S. by 2030 to meet the changing needs of the system due to electrification, with an additional \$200–600 billion needed from 2030 to 2050. These investments will be in addition to the investments needed to maintain the existing transmission system and to integrate renewable generation built to meet existing load.”<sup>5</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, grid infrastructure projects are extremely long-lived assets that will generate tax benefits for the public for more than 50 years. They also enable increased private investments in power generation by connecting producers to markets; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the best ways to promote rural economic development is to build the delivery capacity to move rural energy to market. Electric transmission lines have enabled job growth, preservation of rural communities and a growing tax base across the country; and

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<sup>5</sup> The Coming Electrification of the North American Economy, Brattle Group, March 2019



**WHEREAS**, transmission is generally privately financed, and Congress has provided support to private developers investing in assets that are highly valuable to the country through tax investment incentives. Such an investment tax credit would encourage private investment and lead to increased government revenues from taxes on additional income and profits generated; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of high-voltage transmission lines is planned and paid for by customers through a regulatory process. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission could facilitate the development of interregional transmission planning practices for the approval of broadly beneficial projects, as these lines are subject to multiple, inconsistent evaluations at the regional level; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of transmission lines critical to delivering electricity to population centers across state boundaries has been stymied by a state-versus-state permitting process in which one state's refusal to approve can halt critical projects.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the DNC commits to the promotion of policies and regulations that would prioritize the permitting and construction of transmission lines in the national interest of reduced carbon energy, security, job creation and economic development.

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***Resolution to Protect the Affordable Care Act and Fight for Universal Access to Quality Affordable Health Care***

**WHEREAS**, our platform states that “Democrats believe that health care is a right, not a privilege, and our health care system should put people before profits”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party platform states that “Americans should be able to access public coverage through a public option”; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States remains one of the only industrialized nations without universal health care; and

**WHEREAS**, the uninsured rate reached a record low at the end of the Obama administration thanks in large measure to the Affordable Care Act, which is saving lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Trump and congressional Republicans vowed they would repeal the ACA, but failed when millions of Americans expressed their staunch opposition through calls, emails, protests, and in person; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trump administration has continued to use the powers of the presidency to sabotage the ACA; and

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of Americans believe it is “very important” to protect the ACA’s protections for people with pre-existing conditions;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Democrats will continue fighting to make access to quality affordable health care universal, and work with our progressive allies to prevent President Trump and the GOP from destroying the historic benefits of the Affordable Care Act and ripping away care from millions of American families.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

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***Resolution on a New Social Contract for Long-Term Care***

**WHEREAS**, millions of children, adults and the elderly who have long-term physical and mental disabilities require substantial assistance in order to perform basic activities of daily living; and

**WHEREAS**, we tend to take for granted our ability to perform daily activities such as bathing, grooming, eating and toileting, as well as our ability to communicate, transport ourselves, prepare meals, shop, do housework, manage medications and personal finances, and perform all the other functions of independent living; and

**WHEREAS**, for millions of Americans and people of all ages with chronic illness or disability, these activities require varying degrees of assistance from a paid caregiver or unpaid friend or family member, either at home or in an institutional setting; and

**WHEREAS**, most Americans of working age who live with disabilities yearn to be independent and productive -- contributing to the economy and society -- but lack access to adequate attendant care that would make these beneficial outcomes possible; and

**WHEREAS**, coping with chronic illness and disability is hard enough for individuals and their families, but most also face financial catastrophe due to the punishingly high cost of long-term care, which can be exacerbated by the inability of many overburdened family caregivers to participate in the paid labor force; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of home care -- including home health aides, durable medical equipment, accessible ramp vans, medical supplies, medical transportation, drugs, doctor visits, physical/occupational/ speech therapy, and insurance premiums -- can often exceed household income, while the annual cost of care in a nursing facility currently averages over \$80,000 nationwide, and

**WHEREAS**, Medicare essentially covers acute care services and specifically excludes coverage for most long-term services and supports, as do most individual- and employer-paid health insurance policies; and

**WHEREAS**, private long-term care insurance policies are too expensive for most people to purchase, are riddled with exclusions and limitations, are not designed to cover children who are born with disabilities, and typically cannot be purchased at any price by those with “preexisting conditions” because these plans are excluded from Affordable Care Act protections; and

**WHEREAS**, most people don’t have incomes and assets low enough to qualify for Medicaid -- the nation’s health insurance system for low-income Americans AND our principal long-term care social safety net program -- but can eventually qualify for Medicaid’s long term care coverage if they deplete their life’s savings and impoverish themselves paying for care; and

**WHEREAS**, the heavy burden on family caregivers causes well-documented burnout, isolation, stress and financial devastation, while the value of uncompensated caregiving for adult family members was estimated recently to be more than double the amount spent on paid long-term caregiving of adults by all payers, public and private; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans urgently require a new social contract that guarantees high-quality long-term care to all who need it, prevents impoverishment, ensures that people with disabilities have the option to live independently and contribute to the economy while receiving care and assistance, and does not force family members to choose between earning a living and caring for loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, universal social insurance – based on pooled resources in the manner of Social Security and Medicare -- is the most practical way to protect the U.S. population against the universal risk of needing long term care, has been adopted successfully in other wealthy countries such as Germany/Japan/Sweden, is affordable, has no means-test, is sound and has not resulted in bankruptcy for any country that has adopted such a system; and

**WHEREAS**, those who erroneously claim the U.S. can’t afford a new social insurance system fail to grasp that we are all vulnerable to the risk of chronic illness and disability, but that only the richest individuals and families can afford to pay for long-term care;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the National Democratic Seniors Coordinating Council of the DNC believes that the time to address the overwhelming burdens associated with the costs of long-term services and supports is long overdue in the U.S. and that the only practical solution is a universal, comprehensive, affordable, non-means-tested social insurance system covering high quality long-term care -- both at home and in institutional settings; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, THAT** the NDSCC recommends to the full DNC and to Democratic Members of Congress that NOW is the time to place such a long-term care insurance system high on the party agenda, introduce Congressional legislation and build a national movement to ensure its enactment.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland  
Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan  
Marisa Richmond, At-Large/Tennessee  
Teresa Garcia Krusor, Kansas  
Tanya Shively, Oregon  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire  
John Verdejo, North Carolina  
Travis Nelson, Oregon  
Nikema Williams, Chair, Georgia

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***Resolution Reaffirming the Democratic Party's Commitment to Civil Rights and Condemning Hateful Rhetoric in our Public Discourse***

**WHEREAS**, Democrats believe that civil rights is the unfinished business of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats believe in building a future of inclusion and opportunity for all Americans, free from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats believe that the right to vote is sacred and must be protected, and that voter suppression tactics and racial gerrymandering are undermining the integrity of our democracy and denying African Americans, Latinos, older Americans, and young people the equal voice they deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats believe that a different skin color shouldn't mean a different sentence for the same crime, and that we must reform our broken criminal justice system, which continues to devastate millions of families and cost our economy billions of dollars each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats believe that education is the great equalizer, and that we must ensure there are great schools for every child no matter where they live; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats believe that there is no place in America for white supremacy, anti-Semitism, racism, or bigotry in any form, and our leaders should unequivocally condemn those who perpetrate these hateful ideologies; and

**WHEREAS**, President Trump's increasingly racist and xenophobic rhetoric correlates to an increase in violent hate crimes and public activity among hate groups; and

**WHEREAS**, Trump has targeted prominent people of color serving in public office with racist and xenophobic rhetoric, inciting aggressive, threatening, and even violent behavior by some toward those public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats believe in workers' rights and women's rights, in voting rights and immigrant rights, in tribal rights and LGBTQ rights; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the values of the Democratic Party are the values of the American people, and Democrats will continue to organize and fight for these values every day.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland  
Betty Richie, Texas

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***Resolution to Celebrate Democratic Congressional Leadership***

**WHEREAS**, the American people overwhelmingly voted for Democrats to take back the House and get our country back on track in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, with Nancy Pelosi at the helm, the speaker's gavel is back where it belongs; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Pelosi is one of the most effective legislators and leaders in our nation's history. In the depths of the Great Recession, her leadership helped steer our nation back to economic prosperity. And because of her tenacity, millions of Americans have benefited from the Affordable Care Act and its protections for those with preexisting conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Democratic House has passed bills to raise the minimum wage, lower the cost of prescription drugs, help our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico, fight climate change, require universal background checks for gun purchases, close the gender pay gap, and reform our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, Republicans have tried to take affordable health care away from the American people. They handed out massive tax breaks for their wealthy friends while leaving working families behind. And they marched in lockstep with Donald Trump's regressive agenda, causing a disastrous government shutdown; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, voters spoke loud and clear: enough is enough. It's time to hold this administration accountable for its attacks on working families, civil rights, human rights, and the rule of law.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Democratic Party will keep fighting for the brighter future every American deserves – from affordable health care to an economy that works for all; and

**THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT**, Democrats will continue organizing to elect more representatives to Congress, the Senate, state governments and the White House to advance our party's priorities for the good of the nation; and

**THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT**, under Speaker Pelosi and Democratic leadership in the House, we will continue fighting to restore the guardrails of our democracy and get our country back on track.



The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: David Walters, Oklahoma  
Tanya Shively, Oregon  
John Verdejo, North Carolina  
Michael Kapp, California  
Matt Keating, Oregon  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire

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***Resolution Supporting the U.S. House of Representatives as they Exercise their Constitutional Responsibility with Oversight Inquiries into President Donald J. Trump***

**WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump faces at least 14 ongoing criminal or civil inquiries by federal, state, and city agencies into himself and nearly everything he has ever run; and

**WHEREAS**, experts on both sides of the aisle have considered both the extent of possible wrongdoing and the extent of probes into President Donald Trump to be unprecedented; and

**WHEREAS**, current probes into President Donald Trump number five probes related to his 2016 campaign and 2017 inauguration; eight probes related to his company and personal finances; and one probe into his explicit personal conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to ongoing federal, state, and city inquiries, Special Counsel Mueller recently released a Report on the Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 Presidential Election (“the Mueller Report”) finding that, “The Russian government interfered in the 2016 presidential election in sweeping and systematic fashion” which included hacking the Democratic National Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of Special Counsel Mueller’s May 29, 2019 press conference, he said, “I will close by reiterating the central allegation of our indictments: That there were multiple, systematic efforts to interfere in our election, and that allegation deserves the attention of every American”; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Mueller testified before the House Intelligence Committee on July 24, 2019 that Russians will try to be involved in our next election, saying they are “doing it as we sit here, and they expect to do it during the next election.”

**WHEREAS**, Volume II of the Mueller Report began “Beginning in 2017, the President of the United States took a variety of actions towards the ongoing FBI investigation into Russia’s

interference in the 2016 presidential election and related matters that raised questions about whether he had obstructed justice”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mueller Report went on to describe multiple obstructive events including one on June 19, 2017, when Trump directed his former campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, to deliver a message to then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions, directing Mr. Sessions to give a speech publicly announcing he would revoke his recusal over the Office of Special Counsel’s investigation into Russian interference, and limit the Office’s jurisdiction exclusively to “future elections,” which would have prevented any further inquiry into Russian interference in the 2016 election; and

**WHEREAS**, when Mueller testified before the Judiciary Committee on July 24, 2019 he said “I would generally agree with that” when asked if his investigation was impeded by Trump campaign and administration officials; and

**WHEREAS**, Mueller’s investigation resulted in: the filing of nearly 200 criminal charges against 34 people and three companies; seven guilty pleas; 25 ongoing criminal cases and 14 criminal referrals; and \$40 million of cash and assets recovered by the US government by wrongdoers found guilty of crimes ranging from money laundering to conspiracy against the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, in a sentencing memo of Michael Cohen, the Southern District of New York directly implicated President Donald Trump in a crime that Michael Cohen is currently serving time in prison for, writing that Michael Cohen “acted in coordination and at the direction of” President Donald Trump; and

**WHEREAS**, page 1 of Volume II of the Mueller Report notes why no traditional prosecution decision was made by Mueller, or by the Southern District of New York: “[A] traditional prosecution or declination decision entails a binary determination to initiate or decline a prosecution, but we determined not to make a traditional prosecutorial judgment. The Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) has issued an opinion finding that [‘]the indictment or criminal prosecution of a sitting President would impermissibly undermine the capacity of the executive branch to perform its constitutionally assigned functions[‘] in violation of [‘]the constitutional separation of powers.[‘] Given the role of the Special Counsel as an attorney in the Department of Justice and the framework of the Special Counsel regulations [internal citation omitted] this Office accepted OLC’s legal conclusion for the purpose of exercising prosecutorial jurisdiction”; and

**WHEREAS**, in Special Counsel Mueller’s May 29, 2019 press conference announcing the closure of his Office, he said, in citing the OLC’s opinion: “the [OLC] opinion explicitly permits the investigation of a sitting president because it is important to preserve evidence while memories are fresh and documents available” but also added, “the [OLC] opinion says that the

Constitution requires a process other than the criminal justice system to formally accuse a sitting president of wrongdoing”; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Constitution grants the Congress implicit authority to investigate the executive via an array of enumerated powers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed Congress’ vast power to investigate the executive via their 1927 decision in *McGrain v. Daugherty* that by investigating the administration, Congress was considering a subject “on which legislation could be had or would be materially aided by the information which the investigation was calculated to elicit”; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, given the nature of our constitutional system of government, the U.S. Congress has the responsibility to conduct oversight and thorough inquiries of the actions of the President of the United States in order to ensure the safety, sovereignty and wellbeing of all Americans;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the U.S. House Of Representatives must continue and accelerate its thorough inquiries into President Donald Trump, particularly via the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Foreign Relations and Intelligence;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, inquiries into President Donald Trump should investigate, among other matters: whether the President sought to obstruct investigations into himself, his 2016 campaign, and his campaign’s associates; whether the President sought to obstruct investigations into Russian interference in the 2016 elections itself; whether the President is liable for other crimes committed during the 2016 election; whether the President is compromised in any form due to his involvement in Russian interference in the 2016 elections, his involvement in obstruction of investigations into that interference, or his involvement in other crimes committed during the 2016 election.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if in fact evidence from the pre-Impeachment inquiries is deemed sufficient by the U.S. House of Representatives to conduct an Impeachment inquiry, that the decision on Impeaching the President will be conducted without regard to its political ramifications and without regard to the prospects for the removal of Donald J. Trump from the office of President of the United States if the U.S. Senate chooses not to convict and remove Donald J. Trump from the Office of the President.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland  
Teresa Garcia Krusor, Kansas  
John Verdejo, North Carolina  
Betty Richie, Texas  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire

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***Resolution Applauding the DNC's Accomplishments***

**WHEREAS**, the DNC is investing in programs like Organizing Corps 2020 – an unprecedented, multi-million dollar program that's recruiting, paying, and training young people to work on the 2020 presidential cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, the DNC is revamping its tech infrastructure and upgrading the party's data ecosystem to make sure candidates up and down the ballot have access to the state-of-the-art tools and real-time information they'll need to win on Election Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the DNC has also recommitted to reinvesting in State Party for victories up and down the ballot on election day

**WHEREAS**, the DNC's War Room is dedicated entirely to attacking Donald Trump every day and sharing real-life stories of Americans who have been hurt by his policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the presidential primary process will be the most transparent, fair, and evenhanded in our party's history; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2018 midterm elections, Democrats flipped 40 House seats and put the speaker's gavel back in Democratic hands, flipped seven governorships, flipped nearly 400 state legislative seats, gained seven new state legislative majorities, flipped 4 attorneys general seats, and broke four Republican supermajorities in state legislatures; and

**WHEREAS**, voters elected the most diverse group of candidates in our party's history – from the first Native American women in Congress to the youngest congresswoman, the first African American woman as New York's attorney general, and the first openly gay governor elected to office; and

**WHEREAS**, the DNC was instrumental in helping 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 been hard at work scaling up the party's successful 2017 and 2018 strategies to ensure similar successes up and down the ballot through the 2020 presidential election; and

**WHEREAS**, the party has successfully begun hosting presidential debates that have been substantive and issues-focused; and

**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 in order to flip more seats at every level, take back the White House, and build a brighter future for all Americans.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland  
Tanya Shively, Oregon  
John Verdejo, North Carolina  
Stuart Appelbaum, New York  
Marc Broklawski, Virginia  
Juanita Luiz, At-Large/Washington  
Sandy Opstvedt, Iowa  
Ken Rigmaiden, At-Large/California  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire  
Travis Nelson, Oregon  
Nikema Williams, Chair, Georgia

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***Resolution Supporting the Labor Community***

**WHEREAS**, the sustained assault on the labor community's rights has long been a part of Republican tactics to diminish the power of collective bargaining and put corporate profits above the well-being of American workers; and

**WHEREAS**, public approval of unions continues to climb, especially among young people, even as decades of union busting tactics have reduced membership to just 10.5% today versus its peak at 34.8% in 1954; and

**WHEREAS**, recent studies show that the high point for union membership in America coincided with the low point for wage inequality; and

**WHEREAS**, last year's Supreme Court *Janus v. AFSCME* decision was one of the most blatant and disgraceful examples of union busting in our nation's history; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Democrats believe that when unions succeed, America succeeds. We know that the right to organize and bargain collectively has helped build the middle class and create shared prosperity for millions of American families.

**THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the continued investment by the Democratic Party in defending American workers and protecting collective bargaining rights for all can only strengthen the middle class and bolster the economy.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Juanita Luiz, At-Large/Washington  
 Sandy Opstvedt, Iowa  
 Calla Brown, At-Large/Maryland  
 Roxanne Brown, At-Large/Maryland  
 Tanya Shively, Oregon  
 John Verdejo, North Carolina  
 Matt Keating, Oregon  
 Michael Kapp, California  
 Stuart Appelbaum, New York  
 James Boland, At-Large/District of Columbia  
 Ken Rigmaiden, At-Large/CA  
 Randi Weingarten, At-Large/New York  
 Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire  
 John Olsen, Connecticut  
 Travis Nelson, Oregon  
 Nikema Williams, Chair, Georgia

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***Resolution on the Right to Organize***

**WHEREAS**, the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) of 1935 was a victory for labor unions and collective bargaining rights. The NLRA, which provides workers the right to join unions and collectively bargain for wages and benefits, is the cornerstone of workers' rights in the United States and produced a thriving middle class in the post-World War II era; and

**WHEREAS**, collective bargaining ensures workers have fair wages, job security, adequate health care, retirement security and a fair process to address their concerns. When unions are strong, these benefits spill over into other nonunion workplaces; and

**WHEREAS**, workers who belong to unions are more likely to have retirement benefits, healthcare benefits and paid vacations; and

**WHEREAS**, while the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans have captured 70 percent of the economic growth over the past 40 years, the middle class has been left behind<sup>6</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, with this increased concentration of income, the wealthy are able to play an outsized role in politics, shaping government policy to help themselves instead of the population

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<sup>6</sup> Center for American Progress, Unions Help the Middle Class, No Matter the Measure, 9/6/16

at large. As of 2019, twenty-seven states in the U.S. have enacted right-to-work laws that have significantly hurt labor unions; and

**WHEREAS**, the decline in union membership over the past 30 years parallels the shrinking middle class, which has been plagued by stagnant wages, higher household debt and nagging income inequality; and

**WHEREAS**, union membership raises wages for non-college graduates, people of color, millennials, women and workers in general; and

**WHEREAS**, being in a union not only helps wage earners, but their children, as a parent's union membership is associated with higher future wages for one's children, especially for kids whose parents do not have a college education, further boosting intergenerational mobility. Indeed, American children of non-college-educated parents earn 28 percent more as adults if their parent was in a labor union compared to children in similar families but whose parent was not in a union<sup>7</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, among the lowest-wage workers, a union contract raises wages by more than 20 percent. In the United States and across the globe, researchers have found that working people in highly unionized areas are less likely to live in poverty<sup>8</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, unions provide a kind of social capital for workers and encourage workers—especially those with lower incomes and less education—to join other organizations, especially political organizations, which can boost their sense of agency. This combination of factors may help explain why unions have a positive impact on workers' health and general sense of well-being<sup>9</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the current administration's pledge to protect American workers, many actions by this administration have severely hurt workers' rights and labor unions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) and the Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act (PSFNA) Acts of 2019 would help labor unions by protecting workers' rights to organize and bargain collectively for adequate wages and benefits, strengthening the NLRA-guaranteed rights that have been so severely weakened that employers routinely ignore them; and

**WHEREAS**, PSFNA would guarantee that public sector employees across the country are afforded the legal right to organize and collectively bargain for better wages and safer workplaces while giving the federal government the authority to intervene on behalf of public-service workers should states fail to meet these standards.

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<sup>7</sup> Center for American Progress, Unions Help the Middle Class, No Matter the Measure, 9/6/16

<sup>8</sup> Center for American Progress, Unions Help the Middle Class, No Matter the Measure, 9/6/16

<sup>9</sup> Center for American Progress, Unions Help the Middle Class, No Matter the Measure, 9/6/16



**WHEREAS**, the PRO Act would establish penalties on corporations that would violate workers' rights, allow employees to have more freedom to organize without interference as well as protect workers' rights to strike and bargain collectively<sup>10</sup>; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the DNC supports the right of freedom of association in the workplace, especially the right to collectively bargain with their employer to improve wages, benefits and working conditions; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the DNC affirms that Americans have the right to safe, gainful employment at a fair and livable wage, and that the public and private sectors invest in America's infrastructure and promote industrial development, maintaining job creation as a top policy priority; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the DNC support the PRO and PSFNA Acts in order to protect workers' right to organize and bargain collectively for higher wages and better benefits; AND

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the DNC commits, to the furthest extent possible, to using union vendors and contractors for all business, including conventions, business meetings, election events and related activities. Union vendors include but are not limited to staging, broadcasting, construction, printing and mailing. The DNC urges all party committees associated with the DNC, including state committees, to follow this policy of using union vendors and contractors to the furthest extent possible for official business and activities.

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<sup>10</sup> House and Senate Democrats Unveil Landmark Legislation to Protect Workers' Right to Organize, Education and Labor Committee

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: J. David Cox, At-Large/District of Columbia  
Tanya Shively, Oregon  
Stuart Appelbaum, New York  
Marc Broklawski, Virginia  
Juanita Luiz, At-Large/Washington  
Sandy Opstvedt, Iowa  
Ken Rigmaiden, At-Large/California  
Randi Weingarten, At-Large/New York  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire  
Travis Nelson, Oregon

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***Resolution in Support of Federal Workers' Collective Bargaining Rights***

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 codified collective bargaining rights for federal employees and included in the law language describing collective bargaining for federal employees as “safeguard[ing] the public interest;” and

**WHEREAS**, the law requires federal agencies and federal employee unions to bargain in good faith over a grievance and arbitration procedure, and the conditions of employment; and

**WHEREAS**, federal employee unions are required by this law to represent all members of the bargaining unit, whether they join the union and pay dues or not; federal employee unions are not permitted to bargain over pay or benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, federal workers are solidly middle class and perform a broad variety of functions on behalf of the American people, including caring for our nation’s veterans; providing civilian support to our military; protecting the safety of our air, food and water; securing our borders, airports and federal buildings; providing the elderly and disabled with Social Security benefits and services; preserving our nation’s national landmarks and national parks; and protecting our communities from dangerous criminals incarcerated in our federal prisons; and

**WHEREAS**, federal employees demonstrate their profound dedication to serving the American public, and as such, the government should protect, not undermine, their rights in the workplace, including their right to union representation and collective bargaining; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal agencies are not meeting their legal obligations to bargain in good faith; and

**WHEREAS**, the collective bargaining rights of federal workers are under attack through the imposition of contracts designed to eliminate federal employees' representation rights and the ability of their unions to provide member representation in the workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, anti-democratic and anti-worker "agreements" that all but prevent the ability of federal unions to represent the members of their bargaining units are being unilaterally imposed upon federal workers; and

**WHEREAS**, these unilaterally imposed "contracts" remove the union from the federal workplace—allowing no space for the union to conduct specific representational duties as required by federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, attacks on federal workers' collective bargaining rights at federal agencies are inhibiting constructive, collaborative labor-management relationships which help facilitate a better, safer, more productive workforce and that have proven successful in preventing workplace discrimination, promoting a healthy and safe work environment, and preventing retaliation against whistleblowers; and

**WHEREAS**, federal workers deserve fair and genuine collective bargaining and representation free of any political agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, the right for federal workers to choose payroll deduction for their union dues is being threatened in such a way as to intimidate federal workers and infringe on their ability to choose to join a union, with the clear goal of decreasing union membership; and

**WHEREAS**, federal employee unions help protect the apolitical, professional civil service, and ensure high quality and apolitical provision of vital services to the American public; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing any employer, especially the federal government, to defy laws establishing the right for workers to democratically form and join unions as a means to achieve political objectives undermines the rule of law and the existence of a free, independent labor movement in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party has a long and proud history of steadfast support for labor unions and the institution of collective bargaining and its platform reflects this ongoing support; thus, all efforts to erode unions is an attack on democracy, the right to bargain for decent working conditions, job security, and fair treatment on the job;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee calls on Congress and the President to publicly recognize the rights of federal employees and take action

to uphold the collective bargaining rights of federal workers and ensure that all federal agencies meet the legal obligation to bargain in good faith with federal employee unions.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Cindy Estrada, At-Large/Michigan  
Stuart Appelbaum, New York  
Gerald Kariem, Michigan  
Tefere Gebre, At-Large/Maryland  
Ken Martin, DNC Vice Chair/Minnesota  
Robert Martinez, At-Large/Texas  
Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin  
Marc Perrone, At-Large/District of Columbia  
Lee Saunders, At-Large/District of Columbia  
Grace Meng, DNC Vice Chair/New York  
Michelle Deatrack, Michigan  
Juanita Luiz, At-Large/Washington  
Sandy Opstvedt, Iowa  
Susie Shannon, California  
Ken Rigmaiden, At-Large/California  
Travis Nelson, Oregon

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***Resolution Calling for No Vote until the USMCA is Fixed***

**WHEREAS**, for over two and a half decades the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has devastated American workers and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, between 1993-2013, over 850,000 U.S. jobs were lost due to outsourcing to Mexico, with manufacturing workers bearing the brunt of the impact; and

**WHEREAS**, between 1993-2016, the U.S.-Mexico auto trade deficit grew 1288%, and the auto parts deficit exploded by 23,700%, and over the same period, the U.S. lost ten final auto assembly plants, while Mexico gained eight; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past twenty-five years wages for U.S. manufacturing workers have largely failed to keep up with the rising cost of living despite improvements in worker productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, as it stands today the U.S., Mexico, and Canada Agreement (USMCA) will not prevent multinational corporations from outsourcing jobs to Mexico where workers often earn \$2 or \$3 an hour; and

**WHEREAS**, USMCA renegotiation provides us with an opportunity to raise wages and strengthen benefits for manufacturing workers, and trade negotiators and Congress need to make the agreement good for workers, as the labor standards lack credible enforcement mechanisms; and

**WHEREAS**, more changes are needed in the text of the agreement if it is to curtail factories moving from the U.S. to Mexico, and we need to move beyond the status quo and enact a trade agreement that fundamentally transforms the lives of working families; and

**WHEREAS**, more work needs to be done on USMCA in order to protect and enhance opportunities for the U.S. workforce, leading to higher wages and benefits for manufacturing workers; and

**WHEREAS**, we need to make sure Mexico implements labor laws and ends protection contracts prior to entering into any new agreement to make sure the USMCA works in the short term and 10 years from now; and

**WHEREAS**, we need stronger enforcement mechanisms that impose economic penalties on companies for worker's rights abuses in Mexico, and it is important that they implement the changes and establish the legal infrastructure so workers can join real unions; and

**WHEREAS**, the current NAFTA agreement allows drug manufacturers the ability to exclusively produce patented drugs for 10 years and advocates have sought to drastically reduce the period of exclusivity because it could lead to lower drug prices for consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, USMCA should be amended to increase competition and improve patient access to affordable prescription drugs;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee call on the Administration and Congress to not ratify the renegotiated NAFTA, known as the USMCA, and that there should be no vote until it's fixed.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland  
Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia  
Teresa Garcia Krusor, Kansas  
Tanya Shively, Oregon  
John Verdejo, North Carolina  
Adrienne George, Democrats Abroad  
Marc Broklawski, Virginia  
Betty Richie, Texas  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire  
Travis Nelson, Oregon  
Nikema Williams, Chair, Georgia

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*Resolution Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage*

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 1919, our nation took a bold step toward guaranteeing every woman's right to vote. We would note that this milestone began by being won by white women and abolitionists and it took years for black women, latin@s, Asian American women, and Native American women -- and the communities of color are continually threatened. The Party continues to strive for voting rights for all Americans of all communities.

**WHEREAS**, this year, we reflect on the progress our country has made to guarantee women equal rights, and we commemorate the day women's suffrage became the law of the land.

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate the women leaders who have made powerful change in our country for generations -- from the suffragettes who fought for a woman's right to vote one hundred years ago, to the women who marched, organized, and voted to flip the House blue in 2018.

**WHEREAS**, one century later, the Democratic Party is still deep in the trenches fighting for women's rights -- from equal pay for equal work to a woman's right to make decisions about her own body.

**WHEREAS**, days like today remind us of just how far we've come, and how far we still have to go. From voter ID laws to voter purges and partisan gerrymandering, the Republican Party has made it a mission to deny people the right to vote, especially women of color.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that women are the backbone of the Democratic Party, and we will never stop fighting for their full and equal rights under the law.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland  
Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia  
Teresa Garcia Krusor, Kansas  
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Marc Broklawski, Virginia  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire  
Travis Nelson, Oregon  
Nikema Williams, Chair, Georgia

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***Resolution Commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arrival of the First Enslaved Africans at Jamestown***

**WHEREAS**, 400 years ago, the first enslaved Africans to arrive in America landed at Jamestown, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, this anniversary coincides with the anniversary of the first representative legislative assembly in the Western Hemisphere; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of our democracy and our nation's prosperity are inseparable from the evils of slavery, violence, exploitation of labor, discrimination, systemic racism, injustice, and the cycle of poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, we have yet to fully realize the founding promise that we are all created equal, and racial injustice still keeps too many citizens locked out of America's great vaults of opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats recognize that the deep scars of slavery will never fully heal unless we work together to heal them; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this anniversary, Democrats remember the evils of our past and recommit ourselves to dismantling the relics of injustice that remain embedded in our society; and

**THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that we will continue to fight for our shared values of inclusion and opportunity; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that we will never cease in the work of ensuring equality for all Americans – no matter the color of their skin – in order to form a more perfect union.



The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Christine Pelosi, California  
Tony Coelho, At-Large/Delaware  
Tanya Shively, Oregon  
John Verdejo, North Carolina  
Michael Kapp, California  
Clay Middleton, South Carolina  
Michelle Deatrack, Michigan  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire  
Travis Nelson, Oregon  
Nikema Williams, Chair, Georgia

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***Resolution Urging Full Access and Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities in the Democratic Party***

**WHEREAS**, 2019 marks the 29th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which protects the civil and accessibility rights of disabled Americans, including ballot access and voting rights; and,

**WHEREAS**, a Rutgers University study on 2012 election turnout by disabled voters reported that one-third of disabled voters had encountered barriers to voting more than three times than non-disabled voters, and the 2016 General Accountability Office election survey found that 60% of polling places were inaccessible; and,

**WHEREAS**, Americans with disabilities are 26% of the population according to the Centers for Disease Control and are a part of more than half of all voting families; and,

**WHEREAS**, voters with disabilities increased their turnout by 8.5% in 2018 - helping drive Democratic success at the polls and efforts to protect our health care - and have consistently been the second-largest minority voting block for at least a decade according to research completed by the Rutgers University School of Labor and Business Management; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Democratic Party Platform mentions proactive policy for access and inclusion for persons with disabilities more than two dozen times, including employment, healthcare, civil rights, housing, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, voting rights, and protections; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critically important for Democrats to lead with our values, including our belief in full access and inclusion for persons with disabilities,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) commits to conducting an accessible 2020 Democratic National Convention that lives up to the highest goals for access and inclusion of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and,

**BE IT ALSO BE RESOLVED**, that the DNC will provide accessible accommodations for disabled delegates and party leadership for all aspects of the 2020 Democratic National Convention, including adequate and integrated accessible seating configurations within all delegations; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the DNC will ensure quality communication access accommodations for all Deaf and Hard of Hearing participants at the 2020 Democratic National Convention, providing American Sign Language and CART Live Captioning that is integral and meets the communication needs of these delegates and party leaders; and,

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that that the DNC will provide accessible websites, social media platforms, and materials - and commit to maintaining their accessibility in all political, fundraising, and general outreach mechanisms; and,

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the DNC will seek disabled students and job seekers to apply for paid internships and employment opportunities at the DNC; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the DNC will neither seek nor accept donations or in-kind support from any company that uses the Fair Standards Labor Act Section 14c certificate or engages in the practice of paying disabled workers sub-minimum wage; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the DNC will conduct an internal accessibility audit every two years in preparation for each midterm and presidential election cycle; and,

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the DNC will, as part of its commitment to a fair and transparent presidential nomination process, work with and encourage the news networks hosting presidential primary debates to provide communication access accommodations for both onsite in-person and broadcast for home viewers, including American Sign Language and CART live captioning that is integral and viewable without segregation; and,

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the DNC encourages all presidential candidates to lead by example by ensuring their campaigns are accessible to voters, volunteers, interns, and staff with disabilities; to ensure their voter outreach efforts are accessible, including all websites, social media platforms, field offices, large events and rallies, and communications; to engage people with disabilities directly to help them form their platforms and vision for disability engagement, including advice on the accessibility of their campaigns; and, to neither seek nor accept donations or in-kind support at all from any company that uses the Fair Standards Labor Act Section 14c certificate or engages in the practice of paying disabled workers sub-minimum wage; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution Urging Full Access and Inclusion in the Democratic Party will be shared with the Democratic presidential candidates for their immediate implementation.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by:       Winston Apple, Missouri  
                          Curtis Wylde, Missouri  
                          John Verdejo, North Carolina  
                          Adrienne George, Democrats Abroad  
                          Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire

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***Resolution to Support a Fair and Simple Tax Code***

**WHEREAS**, President Trump promised to simplify the tax code so that most taxpayers could file using a postcard-size tax form, but has not delivered on that promise; and

**WHEREAS**, the key to simplifying the tax code and making it fair is to eliminate unfair and unnecessary tax loopholes and deductions.

**WHEREAS**, the platform of the Democratic Party states that “we will offer tax relief to hard-working, middle-class families for the cost squeeze they have faced for years from rising health care costs, childcare, education, and other expenses;” and

**WHEREAS**, the platform of the Democratic Party states that “at a time of massive income and wealth inequality, we believe the wealthiest Americans and largest corporations must pay their fair share of taxes.”

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee encourages Democratic members of Congress to draft, introduce, and support tax reforms that provide tax relief to hard-working, middle-class families, simplify the tax code by repealing unfair and unnecessary tax loopholes and deductions, and require corporations and the wealthiest taxpayers to pay their fair share of taxes;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee encourages Democratic members of state legislatures to draft, introduce, and support similar legislation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee encourages state Democratic parties in states with the initiative to support ballot proposals that would provide tax relief to hard-working, middle-class families, simplify the tax code by repealing unfair and unnecessary tax loopholes and deductions, and require corporations and the wealthiest taxpayers to pay their fair share of taxes.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by:       Winston Apple, Missouri  
                          Curtis Wylde, Missouri  
                          Tanya Shively, Oregon  
                          John Verdejo, North Carolina  
                          Terry Tucker, Colorado

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***Resolution Recommitting the Democratic Party to Promoting Fulfillment of our Platform Pledge at All Levels of Government***

**WHEREAS**, according to the Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, the National Convention is “the highest authority of the Democratic Party” and is charged with two principle duties – nominating our candidates for president and vice-president and adopting a platform;

**WHEREAS**, our Charter and Bylaws give the Democratic National Committee the “general responsibility for the affairs of the Democratic Party between National Conventions” and one of the primary responsibilities given specifically to the DNC is to encourage fulfillment of our platform pledge; and

**WHEREAS**, our Charter calls on the Democratic Party/Democratic National Committee to “work with Democratic public officials at all levels to achieve the objectives of the Democratic Party.”

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party platform is filled with pragmatic proposals for legislation that would effectively address the problems we face as a nation, incorporates the priorities of diverse constituencies, and represents the consensus needed to promote unity and serve as a solid foundation for getting our candidates elected;

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party platform reflects the will of the people, who have made it clear they want affordable health care, well-paying jobs, meaningful action to address the climate crisis, and legislation that addresses the corrupting influence of special interest money in our elections;

**WHEREAS**, when our platform pledge is fulfilled, it will lead to a better, brighter future for the people of our country and the world;

**WHEREAS**, our platform does not get nearly as much attention as it deserves;

**WHEREAS**, polls consistently show that a solid majority of voters, including a majority of independent and Republican voters, support the legislation called for in our platform;

**WHEREAS**, we need to articulate and publicize our vision more clearly and more powerfully to help voters see through the misinformation, disinformation, and outright lies that have created unjustified animosity toward our party and an anti-government bias that fails to comprehend that bad government is the problem and good government is the solution to our most critical challenges as a nation;

**WHEREAS**, if voters have easy access to objective information regarding which members of Congress have demonstrated support for the legislation called for in our platform by cosponsoring and voting for that legislation, the differences between our party and the Republican Party will be clear and Democratic candidates will win more elections;

**WHEREAS**, Democratic candidates promoting our platform by regularly referencing individual planks in our platform will help voters see beyond the misinformation, disinformation, and outright lies promulgated by Fox News, right-wing talk radio, and Republicans; realize the pragmatic nature of the proposals found in our platform; appreciate the bold vision for a brighter future found in our platform; and significantly increase our chances of winning elections; and

**WHEREAS**, passing the legislation called for in our platform in as many legislative bodies as possible, and into law when possible, is the best way to help voters fully appreciate the differences between our vision and the Republican agenda;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee recognizes its role in promoting the party platform and recommits itself to the work of seeing its policy proposals through the legislative process at all levels of government;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Party Chair will designate appropriate DNC officers and staff members to compile a written report regarding the status of legislation called for, implicitly or explicitly, in our party platform for dissemination at the next meeting of the DNC and similar reports at all subsequent meetings of the DNC;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these reports will include detailed information regarding the legislation necessary to fulfill our platform pledge that has been drafted and introduced in Congress, in state legislatures, and through ballot proposals in states with the initiative; the members of Congress and state legislatures who have sponsored or cosponsored each bill; roll call votes taken on bills; and bills that have been passed into law;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the DNC will actively promote public awareness of the bold vision of our platform and the pragmatic proposals included in our platform for addressing the problems we face as a nation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee encourages Democratic legislators in state legislative bodies where we are in the majority and Democrats in states with the initiative to pass legislation providing a public option for health insurance, jobs programs to rebuild our infrastructure and address the climate crisis, increases in the minimum wage, and a public financing option for candidates; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Democratic National Committee encourages Democratic candidates for our presidential nomination, for Congress, for state legislatures, and for local offices to unite in support of our platform, to make regular references to planks in our platform in speeches, debates, and interviews, as well as on their campaign web sites and in campaign literature, so voters will come to appreciate the pragmatic nature of the legislation proposed in our platform and the bold vision represented by our platform.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Jeri Shepherd, Colorado  
Winston Apple, Missouri  
Curtis Wylde, Missouri  
Tanya Shively, Oregon  
John Verdejo, North Carolina  
Adrienne George, Democrats Abroad  
Michael Kapp, California  
Matt Keating, Oregon  
Terry Tucker, Colorado  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire  
Travis Nelson, Oregon  
Nikema Williams, Chair, Georgia

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*Resolution Abolishing the Use of Private Prisons*

**WHEREAS**, children (and adults) are being locked up illegally in appalling conditions when they have not committed any crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, one figure quoted puts the cost of locking up one child at \$775/night/child, and

**WHEREAS**, private prisons, jails, and detention centers create a market incentive to lock people up, regardless of whether the person locked up has committed a crime; and

**WHEREAS**, people housed in private prisons, jails, and detention centers have far too often been treated inhumanely; and

**WHEREAS**, there are often alternatives to locking people up, especially when no crimes have been committed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that private prisons, jails, and detention centers be abolished; and

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that any pension plan, mutual fund, or other fund should be discouraged from having in their portfolios any stock related to private prisons, jails, and detention centers.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by           Travis Nelson, Oregon  
                               Carla Hanson, Chair Oregon  
                               Matt Keating, Oregon  
                               Peter Lee, Oregon  
                               Tanya Shivley, Oregon  
                               Marisa Richmond, At-Large/Tennessee  
                               John Verdejo, North Carolina  
                               Adrienne George, Democrats Abroad  
                               Michael Kapp, California  
                               Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire

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***Resolution Defending the Rights, Safety, Health, Welfare, and Existence of All Transgender, Intersex, and Non-binary Residents of, and Visitors to, these United States***

**WHEREAS**, the Trump administration’s Evangelical Advisory Board, the Heritage Foundation, the Federalist Society, the Alliance Defending Freedom, all religious institutions that discriminate in this way, and other anti-transgender groups and persons have been enabled by Trump to attack transgender, intersex, and non-binary rights and personhood; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Trump administration has banned transgender people from serving in the military and abrogated Obama era protections for transgender workers, prisoners, and students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Transgender Equality has identified over 30 major anti-transgender and anti-LGBTQ+ actions implemented or attempted by the Trump administration; and,

**WHEREAS**, U.S. officials at the United Nations are allegedly pressuring the U.N.'s Third Committee, which focuses on “social, humanitarian and cultural” rights, to revise their human rights documents, and replace the word “gender” with “sex” in all instances where it occurs; and,

**WHEREAS**, assigning a female/male binary sex at birth implicitly denies the very existence of intersex, transgender, and non-binary people, that there are over a dozen anomalies of the sex chromosomes and hormones existing outside of an XX/XY binary, complicating determination of sex at birth and specific health needs: medical, surgical, hormonal, and mental health; and,



**WHEREAS**, Trump administration efforts to legislate and edit transgender, intersex, and non-binary persons out of existence is the first step in denying the existence of said persons, leaving them without constitutional, civil, or human rights, and fair game to violence that far too often ends in death; and,

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) reports that LGBTQ+ young adults are disproportionately at risk for experiencing distress and abuse, and the Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law, reports transgender persons suffering rejection by family and friends, discrimination, victimization, or violence have a significantly higher rate of suicide attempts; and,

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the leaking of a Trump administration memo arguing that transgender persons do not exist, calls to the Trans Lifeline, the only suicide hotline for trans people operated by trans people, received four times its average number of calls, and two times the average number of first-time callers contemplating suicide.

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party Platform States that “We will oppose all state efforts to discriminate against LGBT individuals, including legislation that restricts the right to access public spaces.”

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party Platform States that “We support a progressive vision of religious freedom that respects pluralism and rejects the misuse of religion to discriminate.”

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party Platform States that “We will support LGBT elders, ensure access to necessary health care, and protect LGBT people from violence—including ending the crisis of violence against transgender Americans.”

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**Section 1:** The Democratic Party re-commits to legislation protecting and defending the rights, safety, health, welfare, and existence of all transgender, intersex, and non-binary residents of, and visitors to, these United States; and,

**Section 2:** No person, church, religion, political organization, legislator(s), business, corporate entity, or private entity has the right to abrogate the rights of transgender, intersex, and non-binary persons or to deny their existence; and,

**Section 3:** We Democrats demand that the elected Democratic Congresspersons in the United States House of Representatives take immediate action and turn this resolution regarding faith-based Discrimination Against LGBTQ+ Community” into legislation and law, thwarting “religious freedom” attacks on transgender, intersex, and non-binary persons.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland  
 Leopoldo Martínez, At-Large/Virginia  
 Iris Martinez, Illinois  
 Cristobal Joshua Alex, At-Large/Texas  
 Gilberto Hinojosa, Chair, Texas  
 Jennifer McClellan, At-Large/Virginia  
 Tonio Burgos, New Jersey  
 Luis Dávila, Puerto Rico  
 Rion Ramírez, Washington  
 Alma González, Florida  
 Daniel Halpern, At-Large/Georgia  
 Charles Rodríguez, Chair, Puerto Rico  
 Joanne Velez, Puerto Rico  
 Maria Melendez, Puerto Rico  
 John Verdejo, North Carolina  
 Frank Leone, Virginia  
 Susan Swecker, Chair, Virginia  
 Marc Broklawski, Virginia  
 Doris Crouse-Mays, Virginia  
 Ken Rigmaiden, At-Large/CA  
 Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire

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***Resolution to Strongly Support Efforts for the Return of Democracy to Venezuela and Assist Venezuelan Migrants with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)***

**WHEREAS**, according to the report of the “United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of Human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela” the Venezuelan regime is oppressive and violates human rights, affecting political freedoms as well as basic needs of Venezuelans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Venezuelan crisis has a humanitarian magnitude that has forced 4 millions of migrants out of the country, many of whom who have come to the United States;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee supports:

1. The work and legislative initiatives of the Democratic leadership in Congress, led by Senators Dick Durbin, Bob Menéndez, Ben Cardin, Chris Van Hollen and Tim Kaine, as well as House members Donna Shalala, Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Darren Soto and Eliot Engel, to pressure the Maduro regime and work closely with our partners in the hemisphere to facilitate a transition to democracy through free and fair elections monitored by the international community; and

2. The cooperation and aid to assist in alleviating the humanitarian crisis existing in both Venezuela and neighboring countries impacted by massive migration; and

3. The efforts of the Democratic congressional leadership, led by Senator Bob Menéndez and Representative Darren Soto, to designate Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to therefore protect Venezuelan nationals who migrated to the U.S. given the humanitarian crisis; and therefore firmly condemn the evasive and cruel attitude of the Trump administration and the Republican caucus in Congress, denying TPS for Venezuelans while the oppressive regime and the humanitarian crisis continue without satisfactory resolution in Venezuela; and

4. The work of the Democratic leadership in the Florida House and Senate to support the Venezuelan migrant community and stop their detention and deportations throughout the state, as well as from other states where large groups of Venezuelan migrants are living.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Andrea Phillips, Iowa  
 Karen Carter Peterson, DNC Vice Chair/Louisiana  
 Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia  
 Doris Crouse-Mays, Virginia  
 Raymond Buckley, Chair, New Hampshire  
 Trav Robertson, Chair, South Carolina  
 Jane Kleeb, Chair, Nebraska  
 John Zody, Chair, Indiana  
 Morgan Carroll, Chair, Colorado  
 Kathleen Marra, Chair, Maine  
 Betty Richie, Texas  
 Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire  
 Nikema Williams, Chair, Georgia

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***Recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act: An Enduring Partnership***

**WHEREAS**, 2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, codifying into law the basis for continued commercial, cultural, and other relations between the United States and Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taiwan Relations Act has served as an anchor for maintaining peace, security, and stability in the Taiwan Strait, played a key part in preserving Taiwan’s freedom and democracy and is in the national interest of the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taiwan Relations Act states that it is the policy of the U.S. to provide Taiwan with arms of a defensive character to maintain the capacity to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S.-Taiwan relationship has been reinforced as follows

- (1) Taiwan has flourished to become a free society, a beacon of democracy in the Indo-Pacific, and an important trading partner of the U.S.;
- (2) Taiwan became the first in Asia to legalize same-sex marriage, a landmark achievement for LGBTQ rights;
- (3) Taiwan is committed to addressing climate change by implementing stepwise reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the coming years;
- (4) The U.S and Taiwan are both committed to defending shared values and common interests, including freedom, democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and diversity;

- (5) The U.S. and Taiwan have launched the Indo-Pacific Democratic Governance Consultation in 2019. Taiwan's collaboration with the U.S. supports religious freedom, and combats global terrorism and disinformation, as demonstrated by its participation in the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS and cooperation under the Global Cooperation Training Framework (GCTF);
- (6) The U.S. is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest trading partner and foreign investor of Taiwan while Taiwan is the 11th largest trading goods partner of the U.S. and the 89<sup>th</sup> largest export market for U.S. agricultural products. The bilateral trade and investment has created more than 370,000 jobs in the U.S., and a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) will further enhance this relationship;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** (1) that the Democratic National Committee reaffirms our unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act, as the cornerstone of relations between the U.S. and Taiwan, and our support for Taiwan's freedom, open society and democratic institutions; (2) that the DNC supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as well as other international organizations; (3) that the DNC recognizes Taiwan as a vital, constructive and reliable partner in Asia, and supports deepening the friendship between our two peoples, through a BTA.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Jane Kleeb, Chair, Nebraska  
Richard Register, Vice Chair, Nebraska  
Ron Kaminski, Nebraska  
Patty Zieg, Nebraska  
Marisa Richmond, At-Large/Tennessee  
Tanya Shively, Oregon  
John Verdejo, North Carolina  
Michael Kapp, California

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***Resolution Regarding the Religiously Unaffiliated Demographic***

**WHEREAS**, the religiously unaffiliated demographic has tripled in the last two decades, now representing 25% of the overall American population and 35% of those under the age of 30; and

**WHEREAS**, religiously unaffiliated Americans overwhelmingly share the Democratic Party's values, with 70% voting for Democrats in 2018, 80% supporting same-sex marriage, and 61% saying immigrants make American society stronger; and

**WHEREAS**, the religiously unaffiliated demographic represents the largest religious group within the Democratic Party, growing from 19% in 2007 to one in three today; and

**WHEREAS**, the nonreligious have often been subjected to unfair bias and exclusion in American society, particularly in the areas of politics and policymaking where assumptions of religiosity have long predominated; and

**WHEREAS**, those most loudly claiming that morals, values, and patriotism must be defined by their particular religious views have used those religious views, with misplaced claims of "religious liberty," to justify public policy that has threatened the civil rights and liberties of many Americans, including but not limited to the LGBTQ community, women, and ethnic and religious/nonreligious minorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party is an inclusive organization that recognizes that morals, values, and patriotism are not unique to any particular religion, and are not necessarily reliant on having a religious worldview at all; and

**WHEREAS**, nonreligious Americans made up 17% of the electorate in 2018 and have the potential to deliver millions more votes for Democrats in 2020 with targeted outreach to further increase turnout of nonreligious voters; and

**WHEREAS**, a record number of openly nonreligious candidates are running for public office;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee recognizes:

1. The value, ethical soundness, and importance of the religiously unaffiliated demographic, a group of Americans who contribute in innumerable ways to the arts, sciences, medicine, business, law, the military, their communities, the success of the party and prosperity of the nation; and
2. That religiously unaffiliated Americans are a group that, as much as any other, advocates for rational public policy based on sound science and universal humanistic values and should be represented, included, and heard by the party.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Yasmine Taeb, Virginia  
John Verdejo, North Carolina  
Michael Kapp, California  
Terry Tucker, Colorado  
Michelle Deatrick, Michigan  
Larry Cohen, At Large/Maryland  
Elly Zaragoza, Minnesota  
Khary Penebaker, Wisconsin  
Travis Nelson, Oregon  
Andrew Werthmann, Wisconsin  
Melahat Rafiei, California  
Bart Dame, Hawaii  
Terje Anderson, Chair, Vermont  
Jeri Shepherd, Colorado  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire  
Winston Apple, Missouri

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***Resolution to Establish the DNC Muslim Council***

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party embraces people of all faith traditions and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party is the Party of the People and fights for the most vulnerable in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the platform of the Democratic Party states that “Democrats will always fight to end discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, language, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability”; and

**WHEREAS**, our Party is committed to tolerance; diversity; and ensuring members of minority communities, including religious minorities, are equally represented within the Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party believes that faith communities are on the front lines of many important policy debates facing our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 3.45 million Muslims in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Trump demonized Muslims throughout his presidential campaign and administration and has appointed numerous staff affiliated with anti-Muslim hate groups; and



**WHEREAS**, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, there are 100 anti-Muslim hate groups in the U.S. advocating for policies that infringe on the rights and liberties of Muslims; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trump administration has implemented a series of discriminatory policies targeting the Muslim community, including a Muslim ban that has impacted the lives of countless Muslim families; and

**WHEREAS**, the mechanism of a Council amplifies the voices within the Muslim community to ensure we increase engagement of the community within the Party in order to push back effectively against the Trump administration's discriminatory policies;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the DNC establish a Muslim Sub-Council of the Interfaith Council which will seek to give voice to those in the Muslim community in the activities and structure of the Democratic Party, address issues of concern to the community, and seek greater collaboration on shared priorities.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia  
John Zody, Chair, Indiana  
Michael Kapp, California  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Birch Bayh***

**WHEREAS**, Birch Bayh was born on January 22, 1928, in Terre Haute, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Bayh attended Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana and continued his education at Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana, receiving his J.D. in 1960; and

**WHEREAS**, Bayh authored Title IX of the Higher Education Act of 1965 which fought gender inequality by giving women equal opportunities in public education; and

**WHEREAS**, after joining the Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency, Bayh authored and sponsored the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act which enacted core protections for youth in the justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, Bayh advanced the work of the Senate Judiciary Committee by working on the Twenty-sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which lowered the voting age to 18; and

**WHEREAS**, Birch Bayh passed away on March 14, 2019 at the age of 91, survived by his wife, Katherine and two sons; and

**WHEREAS**, his dedication and commitment to fighting for racial, social and political justice will leave a lasting impact for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, former senator and son Evan Bayh remarked, “My father was an extrovert who was devoted to his fellow citizens and trying to make their lives better – and he succeeded. And I can’t imagine a better legacy;”

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Birch Bayh for his years of service to our country and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia  
Terje Anderson, Chair, Vermont

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***Resolution honoring the life and career of Unita Blackwell***

**WHEREAS**, Unita Blackwell was born on March 18, 1933, in Lula, MS; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a project coordinator for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC); and

**WHEREAS**, Blackwell helped organize African American voters across Mississippi, organized development programs for low-income housing, and was arrested during civil rights protests

**WHEREAS**, she was a longtime mayor of Mayersville, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, she served on the Democratic National Committee and as co-chair of the Mississippi Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, Unita Blackwell passed away on May 13, 2019, at the age of 86

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Unita Blackwell for her contributions to the Democratic Party and the entire country, and offers condolences to her family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Jane Kleeb, Chair, Nebraska  
Richard Register, Vice Chair, Nebraska  
Ron Kaminski, Nebraska  
Patty Zieg, Nebraska

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Anne Boyle***

**WHEREAS**, Anne C. Boyle was born December 22, 1942, in Omaha, Neb., and attended Catholic schools from first grade until her graduation from Cathedral High School in 1961; and

**WHEREAS**, Boyle first volunteered on a political campaign when she was 11 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, she served as chair of the Douglas County Democratic Party from 1972 to 1974 and chair of the Nebraska Democratic Party from 1998 to 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Boyle was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1988, 1992, 1996 and 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, she worked on the campaign staffs of U.S. Sens. Bob Kerrey and Ed Zorinsky, was part of U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson's gubernatorial campaign staff and worked in the home office of U.S. Sen. Jim Exon; and

**WHEREAS**, Boyle was the Nebraska state chair of the Clinton/Gore presidential campaign in Nebraska in 1992 and 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, she was elected to the Nebraska Public Service Commission in 1996 and quickly became known as a fierce and effective consumer advocate; and

**WHEREAS**, Boyle was then re-elected twice to six-year terms until her retirement in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Boyle also built a lasting legacy of civic engagement, including serving as chair of the Nebraska AIDS Project 2006 Night of a Thousand Stars and as a board member for the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, the Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha, the Omaha Summer Arts Festival and as a member of the Habitat for Humanity Capital Campaign Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, she dedicated her life to serving the public, especially those marginalized by society; and

**WHEREAS**, Ann Boyle passed away on February 2, 2019 at the age of 76 survived by her husband Mike Boyle and their five children; and

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Democratic Party Chair Jane Kleeb said that Anne Boyle served the party and the people of Nebraska “with style, grit and tenacity;”

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors the memory of Anne Boyle for her countless contributions to the city of Omaha, the state of Nebraska and our country and offers its condolences to her family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Tom Perez, DNC Chair/Maryland

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Michael Busch***

**WHEREAS**, Michael Busch was born on January 4, 1947, in Baltimore, MD; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from Temple University with a degree in education; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a strong advocate for LGBTQ equality; and

**WHEREAS**, he was Maryland's longest-serving House speaker in state history; and

**WHEREAS**, he led the fight for protecting the environment and improving education statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Busch passed away on April 7, 2019, at the age of 72;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Michael Busch for his service to the state of Maryland and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

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

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Leah Chase***

**WHEREAS**, Leah Chase was born on January 6, 1923, in Madisonville, LA; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a longtime chef and showcased creole cooking as well as African American art; and

**WHEREAS**, she fed civil rights heroes during the civil rights movement and many different presidents; and

**WHEREAS**, she joined the Women of the Storm and lobbied Congress for funds to restore New Orleans and other communities after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

**WHEREAS**, she founded the Edgar L. “Dooky” Jr. and Leah Chase Family Foundation to cultivate and support historically disenfranchised organizations by making significant contributions to education, creative and culinary arts, and social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Leah Chase passed away on June 1, 2019, at the age of 96;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Leah Chase for her service to the country, and offers condolences to her family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia  
Max Croes, Montana

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Bettye Davis***

**WHEREAS**, Bettye Davis was born on May 17, 1938, in Homer, LA; and

**WHEREAS**, she received her bachelor's degree in Social Work from Grambling State University and nursing degree from St. Anthony's College; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a longtime member of the Alaska state Senate and House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, she was the first African-American to be elected as an Alaska state senator in 2000, where she served until 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, she was specifically devoted to education, children's issues, health care, women's rights and the advancement of minorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Bettye Davis passed away on December 2, 2018, at the age of 80;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Bettye Davis for her service to the country and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to her family.



The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by:           Scott Benson, Democratic Municipal Officials/Michigan  
                                  Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women/Michigan

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Douglass Diggs***

**WHEREAS**, Douglass Diggs was born in Detroit, MI in 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, Diggs received his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University, and earned an MBA from Davenport University; and

**WHEREAS**, he was the founder, president, and CEO of The Diggs Group Heritage, LLC, which provided economic development consulting to businesses, nonprofits, and government entities; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as the Director of Community and Economic Development for the nonprofit Detroit Renaissance; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as director of the city of Detroit's planning and development department, and oversaw the creation of over \$4 billion in new development; and

**WHEREAS**, Diggs was instrumental in establishing the Detroit Community Loan Fund, LLC to help finance small, minority owned businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, he also helped establish the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute, Business and Workforce Participation and Outreach Plan, and The Detroit District; and

**WHEREAS**, he led a coalition of state businesses to secure a Department of Commerce grant to fund the Michigan Statewide Minority Business Development Center; and

**WHEREAS**, he served on the board or advisory board of the Detroit Community Loan Fund, Venture Michigan Fund, Fifth Third Bank, Fannie Mae's House Michigan Advisory Council, Lower Woodward Housing Fund Management Committee, Michigan Black Chamber of Commerce, Detroit Brownfield Authority, Detroit Downtown Development Authority, The Detroit Economic Development Corporation, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, University Liggett School, and The Parade Company.

**WHEREAS**, Crain's Detroit Business named him among the city's "40 under 40" in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Douglass Diggs passed away on May 17, 2019 at the age of 55;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Douglass Diggs' years of service to our country and the city of Detroit, and offers condolences to his family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

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

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Jean Fairfax***

**WHEREAS**, Jean Fairfax was born on October 20, 1920 in Cleveland, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, Fairfax attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, receiving her bachelor's degree, and continued her education at Union Theological Seminary in New York, New York, receiving her master's degree in world religions; and

**WHEREAS**, she became the director of Southern Civil Rights within the American Friends Service Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Fairfax was a leader of the Committee on School Lunch Participation, which released the "Their Daily Bread" study that helped prompt Congress to establish the Special Food Service Program for Children, now known as Summer Food Service Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Fairfax advanced the work of the Civil Rights activism by joining the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund, where she created the organization's division of legal information and community service, helping to organize and assist black families with school desegregation; and

**WHEREAS**, Jean Fairfax passed away on February 12, 2019 at the age of 98; and

**WHEREAS**, her dedication and commitment to fighting for racial, social and political justice will leave a lasting impact for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Legal Defense Fund President Sherrilyn Ifill remarked, "Jean's guiding principle was her deep and sincere devotion to and respect for poor and working-class families. She listened. She learned about the needs of parents and children and the barriers they faced, and then she fought for policies that would bring to those families the resources they needed to move their lives forward. She was a master strategist"; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Jean Fairfax years of service to our country and the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to her family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia  
Don Fowler, At-Large/South Carolina  
Carol Fowler, South Carolina  
Trav Robertson, Chair, South Carolina  
Gilda Cobb Hunter, South Carolina  
Jaime Harrison, DNC Associate Chair/South Carolina  
Clay Middleton, South Carolina  
Lessie Price, South Carolina

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Fritz Hollings***

**WHEREAS**, Ernest “Fritz” Hollings was born on January 1, 1922, in Charleston, S.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from the Citadel with a Bachelor of Arts degree and received a law degree from the University of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Hollings served as an officer in the U.S. Army during World War II, and

**WHEREAS**, he served the state of South Carolina as a state representative, lieutenant governor, governor; and

**WHEREAS**, Hollings served in the U.S. Senate from 1966 until 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Hollings was a tireless advocate for South Carolinians and fought so all could have access to high-quality health care; and

**WHEREAS**, Fritz Hollings passed away on April 6, 2019, at the age of 97;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Ernest “Fritz” Hollings for his service to the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

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

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Harry Hughes***

**WHEREAS**, Harry Hughes was born on November 13, 1926, in Easton, Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, Hughes attended the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland and continued his education at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, Hughes helped to establish a program that focused on restoring the health of Chesapeake Bay by proposing an agenda which included pollution control and including a landmark measure to regulate development on the bay's shoreline and wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, Hughes served as the first secretary of transportation in Maryland transforming the state's Friendship Airport into the Baltimore-Washington International Airport, as well as establishing Baltimore's subway system; and

**WHEREAS**, Hughes advanced the work of helping programs that dealt with child and spousal abuse, drunk driving and transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Harry Hughes passed away on March 13, 2019 at the age of 92, survived by his two daughters; and

**WHEREAS**, former Gov. Martin O'Malley remarked, "Harry Hughes was a pillar of integrity in a state too often marred by political corruption. He was one of the finest sons of the Eastern Shore ever produced"; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Harry Hughes years of service to our country and the Democratic Party and offers condolences to her family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Gus Bickford, Chair, Massachusetts  
Kate Donaghue, Massachusetts  
Debra Kozikowski, Massachusetts  
David O'Brien, Massachusetts  
Melvin Poindexter, Massachusetts  
Susan Thomson, Massachusetts  
Elaine Kamarck, At-Large/Massachusetts  
James Roosevelt, At-Large/Massachusetts  
Deborah Goldberg, Massachusetts

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of James B. King***

**WHEREAS**, James Barton King was born on March 27, 1935 in the Pioneer Valley mill town of Ludlow, Massachusetts where he was raised; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1953 he enlisted in the army and served his country as a paratrooper in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 187<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division during the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS**, upon returning, he finished high school and through the GI Bill graduated from American International College in Springfield, MA; and

**WHEREAS**, as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher at Ludlow Junior High, he learned to love teaching and never stopped; and

**WHEREAS**, he volunteered for Senator John F. Kennedy's 1952 senate campaign, which began his lifelong work on hundreds of political campaigns throughout the country and world; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Richard E. Neal said "Jim King was one of the best Democratic political operatives in the business. He was a legendary figure in local, state and national politics for more than a half century"; and

**WHEREAS**, he worked extensively on the presidential campaign of Robert F. Kennedy and advanced his famous speech in Indianapolis on April 4, 1968, following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, while campaigning for JFK, Jim accompanied a young Edward M. Kennedy to his first factory gate and later served from 1967 to 1975 as special assistant and advance man to the Senator, whose travel brought Jim to all corners of the globe and to every city and town in Massachusetts; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim traveled extensively and met with many world leaders, but he never took them, or himself, too seriously. His legendary humor was even able to bring Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev to uncontrolled laughter; and

**WHEREAS**, Democratic National Committee Chair Paul G. Kirk said “he set the 'gold standard' as an advance man and an outstanding public servant. He embodied that same standard as a human being for the very same reasons. He was a force for goodness in all he accomplished by the example he set in treating every person he met with decency, respect, good humor and genuine warmth”; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1977 he was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the National Transportation Safety Board where he served as Chair until 1982. At the NTSB he championed many safety improvements including reducing toxic gases from burning aircraft upholstery and mandating a railroad tanker car safety device, which saved many lives; and

**WHEREAS**, President Carter said, “Jim dedicated his life to public service, and his tireless work for the public good was coupled with a delightful sense of humor and a zest for life”; and

**WHEREAS**, he ran the podium operation at six Democratic National Conventions; and

**WHEREAS**, Secretary John Kerry, for whom Jim worked as Chief of Staff in his Senate office, said “If you saw Jim King on the podium managing things, you knew it was going to work out and you didn’t have to worry. He took the worry and the concern away and he launched an awful lot of careers off that podium along the way”; and

**WHEREAS**, he was appointed Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in 1993 by President Clinton where he ensured that all federal workers were treated fairly and with respect regardless of their position; and

**WHEREAS**, his work with the National Democratic Institute brought him to countries around the world where he helped them develop their own democratic institutions. In retirement, he was a proud member of Northern Ireland’s Experts Panel and his ideas contributed in a small way to the creation of a government for Northern Ireland in which unionists and nationalists shared power; and

**WHEREAS**, in retirement, he never slowed down, volunteering until the end, working to help the elderly, the homeless and the forgotten. In his life, he brought a smile to the faces of thousands and helped improve the lives of many more; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 9, 2019, Jim King passed away at the age of 84 at his home in Rockport, Massachusetts; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of Jim King lives on with his wife Eleanor and their five children, their spouses, ten grandchildren, his sister Almeda, and all those he inspired throughout a lifetime of public service;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honor Jim King for his historic and important contributions to the Democratic Party and to our country and offer its condolences to his family.



The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Ken Martin, DNC Vice Chair & ASDC President/Minnesota  
Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin  
Michael White, Northern Mariana Islands

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Fagafaga Daniel Langkilde***

**WHEREAS**, Fagafaga Daniel Langkilde was a committed Democrat and well-known member of the American Samoa community; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a well-respected businessman and lawmaker; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a member of the House of Representatives for the Itua District; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a longtime chairman of the American Samoa Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, Fagafaga Daniel Langkilde passed away on May 18, 2019, at the age of 61, survived by his 8 children and 24 great grandchildren;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Fagafaga Daniel Langkilde for his service to the Democratic Party, and offers condolences to his family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Rion Ramirez, Washington  
 Jane Kleeb, Chair, Nebraska  
 Richard Register, Vice Chair, Nebraska  
 Ron Kaminski, Nebraska  
 Patty Zieg, Nebraska  
 Christine Pelosi, California  
 Larry Cohen, At-Large/Maryland  
 Paulette Jordan, Idaho  
 Keith M. Harper, At-Large/Maryland  
 Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas  
 Bel Leong-Hong, Maryland  
 Iris Martinez, Illinois  
 Earl Fowlkes, At-Large/District of Columbia  
 Virgie Rollins, National Federation of Democratic Women  
 Daniel Halpern, At-Large/Georgia  
 Ken Martin, DNC Vice Chair & ASDC President/Minnesota  
 Jim Zogby, At-Large/District of Columbia  
 Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin  
 Martha McDevitt-Pugh, Democrats Abroad  
 Michelle Deatrack, Michigan  
 Sandy Opstvedt, Iowa  
 Betty Richie, Texas

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***Resolution Honoring the Life of Frank LaMere***

**WHEREAS**, Frank LaMere was an enrolled member of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, was one of 13 children and the son of a Gold Star mother, Matilda and a combat veteran father, John; and

**WHEREAS**, he always fought for those among us who needed a voice for justice; and

**WHEREAS**, LaMere was the longest serving Native American on the Democratic National Committee, founded the Native Caucus both in Nebraska and at the national level, and attended eight National Conventions as a delegate; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a strong and caring advocate for veterans and military families. Having lost his brother in Vietnam, he was a champion for peace, diplomacy, and alternatives to war. Within the DNC, he was a passionate voice for establishing the DNC Veterans and Military Families Council, promoting the inclusion of Native Veterans in our coalitions, and advancing outreach to and resources for Blue Star families; and

**WHEREAS**, LaMere worked for 20 years to end the crisis of illegal alcohol sales in White Clay resulting in the beginning of justice for Lakota families beginning the long journey to recovery and ensuring Lakota families have access to long-term treatment and economic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a champion for Mother Earth working with indigenous leaders, farmers and ranchers who are opposed to projects that threaten the climate, land and water; and

**WHEREAS**, LaMere fought against police brutality and called on our elected officials to provide true access to mental health coverage and an accurate count of missing indigenous women; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a proud member of the American Indian Movement working to honor the sovereignty and treaty rights of Native Nations and urging reforms to the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, LaMere was a man of many interests and talents who founded the first alcohol-free, Native American fast-pitch softball team that was the only team to compete in the International SoftBall Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, he was recognized by Nebraska Wesleyan University with an honorary law degree for his advocacy in human and civil rights and by Nebraska Indian Community College; and

**WHEREAS**, he would often tell us, “there’s work to be done” and “We must do our best for the most people” and “nothing changes until someone is made to feel uncomfortable;” and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2019, Dr. Frank LaMere, Manape Huk ga “Soldier Chief,” was called to the Creator, leaving a legacy of service and strength;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we give our love to Frank LaMere’s family Cynthia Rouse LaMere, Jennifer LaMere, Hazen LaMere, Manape Hocinci-ga LaMere and the late Lexie Wakan LaMere; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the DNC honor the legacy of Frank LaMere by working with the Nebraska Democratic Party and sponsors of this resolution to create, in Nebraska, the Frank LaMere Grassroots Fellows Program to honor Frank’s commitment to Democrats especially in rural communities where leaders are judged not on material items but on the “road dust collected.”

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Alicia Andrews, Chair, Oklahoma  
 David Ratcliff, Vice Chair, Oklahoma  
 David Walters, Oklahoma  
 Trav Robertson, Chair, South Carolina  
 Don Fowler, At-Large/South Carolina  
 Carol Fowler, South Carolina  
 Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/South Carolina  
 Ken Martin, DNC Vice Chair & ASDC President/Minnesota  
 Jason Rae, DNC Secretary/Wisconsin

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Betty McElderry***

**WHEREAS**, Betty McElderry was born on January 19, 1939; and

**WHEREAS**, McElderry received her bachelor's, master's and doctorate from the University of Oklahoma and making her home in Purcell, Oklahoma she was married to Neil William "Bill" McElderry and they had two children, Neil III and Mike; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a public school educator, having taught both junior high and high school as well as at the University of Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, McElderry had a distinguished record of activism and public service; and

**WHEREAS**, she was active in the Democratic Party for five decades serving as a precinct, county and congressional district officer before she was elected vice chair of the Oklahoma Democratic Party for four terms and one term as state chair; and

**WHEREAS**, McElderry was a member of the Oklahoma Federation of Democratic Women and was elected five times as National Committeewoman representing the Oklahoma Democratic Party on the Democratic National Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a delegate to the 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016 Democratic National Conventions; and

**WHEREAS**, McElderry was named Outstanding Democratic Woman by the Oklahoma Federation of Democratic Women in 1981, received the Oklahoma Democratic Party's Carl Albert Award in 1997, and was named by Campaign and Elections Magazines as one of 74 outstanding women who positively changed America in celebration of 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, she served in the administration of six governors, most notably on the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, establishing the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame during her chairmanship; and

**WHEREAS**, McElderry was a member of the State Election Board, serving 12 years as chair where she leads the effort for Oklahoma to become the first state in the nation to computerize the state election system; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary having served as Oklahoma Department president as well as a member of the Oklahoma Girls State Staff since 1975 and 19 years as the director; and

**WHEREAS**, McElderry was a charter member and past president of the Purcell Schools Foundation, member of the American Association of University Women, Nigh Institute Scholarship Committee, League of Women Voters, Purcell's Trinity Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Betty McElderry passed away on July 26, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, her example of public service and political activism will leave a lasting impact for generations to come.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Betty McElderry for her contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to her family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia  
Lottie Shackelford, At-Large/Arkansas  
Martha Fuller Clark, New Hampshire

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Alice Rivlin***

**WHEREAS**, Alice Rivlin was born on March 4, 1931, in Philadelphia, PA; and

**WHEREAS**, she graduated from Bryn Mawr College with a degree in economics; and

**WHEREAS**, Rivlin received her PhD in economics from Radcliffe College of Harvard University in 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, she served as founding director of the Congressional Budget Office; and

**WHEREAS**, Rivlin served in the Clinton administration as the budget director; and

**WHEREAS**, Alice Rivlin passed away on May 14, 2019, at the age of 88;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Alice Rivlin for her service to the Democratic Party and the entire country, and offers condolences to her family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Tony Coelho, At-Large/Delaware

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Anita Silvers***

**WHEREAS**, Anita Silvers was born on November 1, 1940, in Brooklyn, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, Silvers attended Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY, where she received a bachelor's degree and then continued her studies at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, where she earned a PhD in philosophy; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a leading voice in fighting to ensure that the American with Disabilities Act was viewed as equally as other civil rights issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Silvers served as a member of the American Psychological Association Task Force on the Status of Disabled Philosophers in the Profession and as the former chair of the Department of Philosophy at San Francisco State University; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, Silvers was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to serve on the National Council on the Humanities, the governing board of the National Endowment for the Humanities; and

**WHEREAS**, Anita Silver passed away on March 14, 2019 at the age of 78; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Philosophy at San Francisco State University said in a statement, "Silvers's groundbreaking scholarship helped to establish disability rights as an important subfield of philosophy; she is regarded as an authority on medical ethics, bioethics, disability theory, social philosophy, aesthetics, and feminism;"

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Anita Silvers's years of service to the disability community and to our country and offers condolences to her family.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: William McCurdy, Chair, Nevada  
Travis Nelson, Oregon  
Allison Stephens, Nevada  
Alexander Goff, Nevada

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Odis “Tyrone” Thompson***

**WHEREAS**, Tyrone Thompson was born on September 30, 1967 and was a lifetime resident of North Las Vegas, Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, Tyrone Thompson dedicated his life to public and community service; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as an elected member of the Nevada State Legislative Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his personal life and professional career, Assemblyman Thompson earned the utmost respect of leading policymakers, educators, community leaders, activists, ally organizations, and colleagues all across Nevada and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, he was dedicated to making sure that people of all ages, and particularly youth, received access to mentorship so that they could reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2019, Tyrone Thompson passed away in Carson City, Nevada;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Odis “Tyrone” Thompson for his contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers its condolences to his family and to all Nevadans.



The following resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 23, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

Submitted by: Karen Carter Peterson, DNC Vice Chair/Louisiana  
Donna Brazile, At-Large/District of Columbia  
Deborah Langhoff, Louisiana  
Michael McHale, Louisiana  
Arthur Morrell, Louisiana

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***Resolution Honoring the Life and Career of Kathleen Blanco***

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Blanco was born December 15, 1942, in Iberia Parish, La., and raised in the Cajun village of Coteau; and

**WHEREAS**, she received a bachelor's degree in business education from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) in 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, Blanco taught high school business and started in politics as a consultant with her husband, Raymond, working on local redistricting issues; and

**WHEREAS**, because of her desire to make Louisiana a better place for all its citizens, Blanco was sworn in to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1984, where she was one of only five women in the entire legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, Blanco served on the Louisiana Public Service Commission from 1988 - 1996, where she was the first woman elected to the Commission and the first to serve as Commission chair; and

**WHEREAS**, she served as Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana from 1996-2004; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, Blanco, became the first woman elected Governor of Louisiana, and

**WHEREAS**, she was a strong advocate for battling poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her career, Blanco prioritized education, investing heavily in K-12 and university education and reforming the New Orleans school system; and

**WHEREAS**, Blanco led Louisiana through the recovery after Katrina devastated the State of Louisiana, securing billions in federal funding for Louisiana to use for levee improvements, housing grants and public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, when she left the Governor's office in 2008, she had accomplished all her initial goals and was able to leave the state with a nearly \$1 billion-dollar surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Blanco died August 18, 2019, in Lafayette, La., at the age of 76; and

**WHEREAS**, former Senator Mary Landrieu from Louisiana said, "Her good service to the people of Louisiana will long be remembered and I suspect, will for even longer, remain unmatched;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic National Committee honors Kathleen Blanco for contributions to our country and the Democratic Party and offers condolences to her family and to all Louisianans.