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CHATHAM COUNTY RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION THANKING THE DEMOCRATIC CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Bynum Precinct)

WHEREAS, What is displayed in our public places should respect our values; and

WHEREAS, The Democrats on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners have shown exceptional leadership in responding to citizens concerned about removing the Confederate statue in front of Pittsboro's Historic County Court House; and

WHEREAS, The commissioners hosted several public comment sessions, patiently pursued available legal options, cared for the public safety of demonstrators, and showed courage in responding with respect and courtesy to all parties in a charged and sometimes hostile atmosphere; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chatham County Democratic Party extend our sincere gratitude to our Democratic county commissioners for their efforts to remove the Confederate statue in front of Pittsboro's Historic County Court House.

2. RESOLUTION TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER (Bynum and Hadley Precincts)

WHEREAS. The weakening of federal laws such as the U.S. Clean Water Act makes local and state action critical; and

WHEREAS, Climate change brings threats to the quality of drinking water for Chatham County and our state; and

WHEREAS, The Jordan Lake Rules (2009) to protect water quality have been delayed by the North Carolina Legislature, leaving this important drinking water supply for nearly 400,000 people vulnerable to increased pollution and algae blooms; and

WHEREAS, Rapid development increases the amount of wastewater contaminating our sources for

drinking water; and

WHEREAS, Industrial contaminants, sometimes called "forever chemicals," have been found in the Haw River, and to a lesser degree in Jordan Lake, in amounts considered unsafe by scientists; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That our elected officials strengthen laws at the local and state level to better protect our drinking water sources from pollution, specifically

1. Ensure that all new rules to protect water quality take into account and plan ahead for the threats that climate change will bring to our region.
2. Implement strong rules to protect Jordan Lake by reducing storm water and wastewater pollution of this important drinking water supply.
3. Increase the size of forested riparian buffers and strengthen regulations for storm water, sedimentation, and erosion.
4. Enact legally enforceable laws to limit the amount of "forever chemicals" in drinking water.

NORTH CAROLINA RESOLUTIONS

3. RESOLUTION TO REPEAL S.L. 2015-223 CODIFIED AS G.S. 105-277.02. THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR PROPERTY TAX EXCLUSION AIMED AT RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CALLED THE "BUILDERS' INVENTORY" EXCLUSION) (Pittsboro Precinct)

WHEREAS, The exclusion exempts any increase in value attributable to certain improvements on residential and commercial property owned and held for sale by builders from taxation for several years, thus costing the county and the state considerable tax revenue and placing a financial burden on county governments and current residents; and

WHEREAS, Chatham county is already experiencing repercussions from Chatham Park, Briar Chapel, and other developments; among them are neglected issues of water and wastewater, roads and other infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, County and Pittsboro town staffs are burdened with the planning stages and oversight of these developers' properties, and more staff may be needed to protect the county's natural resources impacted by these developments; and

WHEREAS, Repealing this property tax exclusion for developers would help mitigate the need to increase sales and/or property taxes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party urge the North Carolina State Legislature to repeal G.S. 105-277.02.

4. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN NORTH CAROLINA ELECTIONS (Hadley Precinct)

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting allows voters to mark their preferences in descending order, removing the need for runoff elections; and

WHEREAS, Runoff elections diminish resources for all candidates; and

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting can reduce divisiveness and improve the inclusion of alternative preferences; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Democratic Party advocate for Ranked Choice Voting in North Carolina elections.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION

5. RESOLUTION TO REJECT THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN FOR ISREAL AND PALESTINE (Hadley and North Williams Precincts)

WHEREAS, The Trump Administration's proposed plan for Israel and Palestine, announced January 28, 2020, ignores international agreements that limit the transfer of populations to conquered territories; and

WHEREAS, The plan ignores international agreements affirming that people expelled from their homes have the right to return; and

WHEREAS, The plan ignores the human rights of Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza; and

WHEREAS, The plan ignores prior agreements that anticipate future negotiations to address such issues as the location of the capital of Israel or the capital of Palestine, and the disposition of the Golan Heights; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chatham County Democratic Party call upon the North Carolina Democratic Party to affirm previously negotiated agreements and reject the Trump Administration's plan for the relationship between Israel and Palestine.