

CHATHAM COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED FROM THE FLOOR

A. RESOLUTION THANKING CONGRESSMAN PRICE FOR URGING ISREAL TO COMPLY WITH THE U.S. ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT

WHEREAS, Fourth District Congressman David Price has joined with 59 other Democratic Representatives to send a letter to Secretary of State Michael Pompeo opposing the Israeli government's home demolitions and displacement of Palestinian families on the West Bank (<https://khanna.house.gov/media/press-releases/release-khanna-cohen-eshoo-lead-letter-urging-administration-oppose>); and

WHEREAS, The Israeli human rights group B'Tselem reports Israeli military has seized construction materials assembled for a Palestinian town's emergency coronavirus clinic (https://www.btselem.org/press_release/20200326_israel_confiscates_clinic_tents_during_coronavirus_crisis?fbclid=IwAR3AgOvOmpuAeekKwdSDIUoSWKMIkAj42Nk-LfzXYQy3SqMhL8SHZ-uFq3LE); and.

WHEREAS, The Congressional letter specifically asks Secretary Pompeo to ensure that equipment purchased with U.S. aid not be used in violation of The Arms Export Control Act of 1976 as amended [22 U.S.C. 2751, et. seq.]; and,

WHEREAS, Israel is continuing to demolish buildings and blockade Gaza, making it more difficult for Palestinians under occupation to fight COVID 19; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Democratic Party of North Carolina commend Representative Price for joining in this effort and urge his North Carolina Democratic colleagues to join him in signing this letter.

Submitted by Judith Ferster
April 3, 2020

B. RESOLUTION TO FULLY IMPLEMENT NC'S DEFENSE PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES TO DEAL WITH THE HEALTHCARE CRISIS

WHEREAS, The nation is experiencing a Coronavirus Pandemic costing thousands of lives, made worse by deficient national leadership on readiness, early response, and contact tracing, as well as emergency production of tests, medical equipment, and protective supplies for medical workers and patients; and

WHEREAS, The current pandemic is the most widespread of a series of dangerous corona virus outbreaks including SARS, Swine Flu, and MERS; and

WHEREAS, State law empowers the governor, with the concurrence of the Council of State, to respond to critical health emergencies by requiring any available North Carolina companies that manufacture the required critical medical devices and personal protective equipment to do so and supply said items to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the NCDP affirm efforts by Governor Cooper, with the advice and counsel of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the rest of the Council of State, to vigorously implement our state's capabilities for the remainder of the current crisis and to ensure that guidelines are in place to protect our people through swift, early response to future emergencies.

Submitted by Beverly Bland and Jerry Markatos
April 21, 2020

C. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, Elections must express the will of all of the people; and

WHEREAS, Every voter and every vote must be counted equally; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED,

1. That the Voting Rights Act of 1965 must be restored; and
2. Every American over age 18 be automatically registered to vote; and
3. Citizens United must be overturned; and
4. Partisan gerrymandering be ended; and
5. Voter ID laws need to be reduced; and
6. Arbitrary changing of assigned polling locations must be ended; and
7. Election Day must be a national holiday.

Submitted by Greg Stewart

April 20, 2020

D. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION

WHEREAS, COVID-19 threatens to undermine the integrity of the election in November 2020 by suppressing voter turnout; and

WHEREAS, Republicans have already shown their strategy of reducing voter turnout in the case of the 2020 Wisconsin primary election; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina State Board of Elections be allowed to

1. Expand options for absentee requests; and
2. Establish an online portal for absentee requests; and
3. Establish a fund to pay for postage for returned absentee ballots; and
4. Reduce or eliminate the absentee ballot witness requirement; and
5. Maintain or expand one-stop early voting to reduce close contact with other people; and
6. Increase pay for poll workers; and
7. Make Election Day a holiday.

Submitted by Greg Stewart

April 20, 2020

E. RESOLUTION CALLING FOR POSTAL SERVICE FUNDING

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service is a vital lifeline of communication and services for the entire country; and

WHEREAS, Missing or reduced services that are provided by the USPS would have a disproportionate impact on rural and remote citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Congress must provide a veto-proof majority for emergency funding to help offset loss of revenue due to COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Congress examine long-term solutions for improving performance and profitability.

Submitted by Greg Stewart

April 20, 2020