

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATS ABROAD**

WHEREAS Beginning with the 2000 Presidential election, the importance of Florida as a battleground state became astonishingly clear as the destiny of our nation and world was held in the balance separated by 527 votes; and

WHEREAS Every year since the 2000 Presidential election, the need to increase vigilance in protecting voters at every level has been highlighted by numerous attempts by the Republican Party to suppress the vote and disenfranchise voters; and

WHEREAS Recounts have become the “new normal” in Florida as demonstrated by the 2018 elections where Democrats lost their senior United States Senator by 10,033 votes; 32,463 votes decided the Governor’s race; and the Commissioner of Agriculture won by a mere 6,753 votes; and where a number of down ballot races were determined by the thinnest of margins; and

WHEREAS Florida Democrats Abroad boasted almost 18,000 registered voters who are anxious to remain active and exercise their constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS Democrats voting from Abroad can and have determined the outcome in elections in Florida; and

WHEREAS The Florida Democratic Party is in a position to capture these critical votes for the 2020 election;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

the Florida Democratic Party shall design and resource a plan to engage, promote, and protect the vote of Floridians voting from abroad in collaboration with Democrats Abroad and the Democratic National Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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