

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE “KEEP NINE AMENDMENT”
TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION**

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution does not provide specific instruction as to the number of justices that constitute the Supreme Court of the United States;

WHEREAS, For over 150 years, the Supreme Court has consisted of nine justices;

WHEREAS, During the nation’s history, Congress has changed the number of justices, both increasing and decreasing, seven times prior to 1869 for the purpose of gaining political advantage for a then-current political position;

WHEREAS, The practice of “packing the Court” for political advantage greatly decreases confidence that the Supreme Court exists as an essential element of America’s system of checks and balances that guarantees and protects citizens’ constitutional rights;

WHEREAS, Democrats are discussing packing the courts and are refusing to remove “court packing”;

WHEREAS, To prevent all attempts to change the number of Supreme Court justices, the “Keep Nine Amendment” to the United States Constitution has been proposed, which simply states “The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine justices;”

WHEREAS, The “Keep Nine Amendment” was introduced as Senate Joint Resolution 9 in the United States Senate on February 24 by Senator Ted Cruz, and is now supported by Senator Thom Tillis and others;

WHEREAS, The “Keep Nine Amendment” was introduced as House Joint Resolution 11 in the House of Representatives on January 4, 2021, and is supported by Representatives Dan Bishop, Ted Budd, Madison Cawthorn, Virginia Foxx, Richard Hudson, Greg Murphy and David Rouzer;

WHEREAS, A bipartisan group of former state attorneys general oppose “court packing” and support the Keep Nine Amendment;

WHEREAS, Representative Howard Penny has filed House Joint Resolution 286 in the North Carolina House of Representatives, which calls on Congress to pass the Keep Nine Amendment;

WHEREAS, Recent polls show that voters support a "Keep Nine Amendment" by more than a three to one margin, and 82 percent of Republican voters support it; and

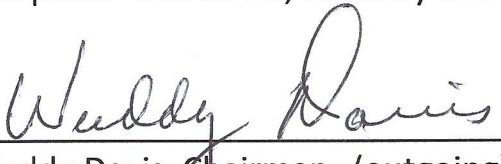
RESOLVED, that the Orange County Republican Party encourages the North Carolina General Assembly to pass a HJR 286 calling on Congress to pass the Keep Nine Amendment;

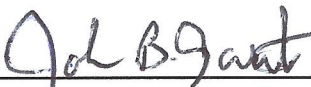
RESOLVED, The Orange County Republican Party joins the Republican National Committee, the National Federation of Republican Women, and Freedomworks in supporting the "Keep Nine Amendment" as filed in both chambers of the United States Congress;

RESOLVED, The Orange County Republican Party calls on Congress to pass the "Keep Nine Amendment" and send it to the states for ratification; and

RESOLVED, Copies of this resolution will be sent to all North Carolina members of Congress, all North Carolina legislators, Governor Roy Cooper, Lt. Governor Mark Robinson, Attorney General Josh Stein and Secretary of State Elaine Marshall.

Adopted: March 20, 2021 by the Orange County GOP:


Waddy Davis, Chairman (outgoing)
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