

**RESOLUTION OF CONCERN - NC VOTING BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON OR BEFORE CLOSE OF POLLS ON ELECTION DAY**

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to the well-being of our State and our Republic that the general public have confidence that the outcomes of elections are derived from votes of eligible voters and that the election results are protected from contamination by illegal votes;

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent on the State legislature to ensure election laws protecting against the disenfranchisement of eligible voters;

**WHEREAS**, the timely determination of the results of an election is essential to acceptance by the general public that the outcome of the election is fair and legitimate;

**WHEREAS**, prompt knowledge of the total numbers of ballots that have been cast assists the Board of Elections in processing the election results in a transparent manner that allows public trust in the outcome;

**WHEREAS**, it is the obligation of the State Legislature to provide that election laws support a true outcome of elections;

**WHEREAS**, The Heritage Foundation issued a report on 2/1/21 recommending best practices for election laws to protect fair and true outcomes of election, and recommended: "The deadline for the receipt of all absentee ballots should be the closing of polls on Election Day to obviate any disputes about the timing of absentee ballots and problems with the U.S. Postal Service's failure to postmark an envelope.";

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 the majority of states (28) did require that all ballots be received by their Boards of Election by end of voting on Election Day;

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina experienced extensive delays and chaos in determining the election results as a consequence of extended receipt of ballots for 9 days after Election Day;

**WHEREAS**, allowing ballots to be accepted for counting after Election Day creates opportunities for error and fraud regarding postal stamp manipulation, targeting of close races, and other potential forms of errors and deliberate malfeasance;

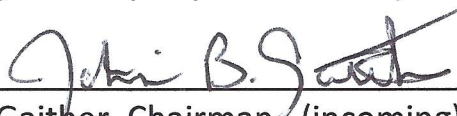
**WHEREAS**, it is understood that Military ballots represent a special case of "absentee ballots" as a consequence of deployment, often in war zones, and it is incumbent on our Legislature to ensure the votes of active military personnel are counted and not compromised in any way;


**RESOLVED**, that all ballots to be counted must be received and under the custody of the Board of Elections by or before close of voter polls on Election Day; and

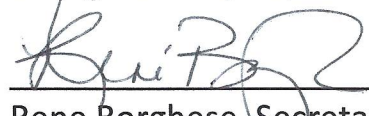
**RESOLVED**, Copies of this Resolution be delivered to Senator Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate and Tim Moore, Speaker of the North Carolina House and the North Carolina legislature be requested to review and assess the laws, policies, and regulations for voting by military personnel and modify the laws, policies and regulations as needed to ensure that military personnel are not disenfranchised of their legitimate votes.

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

  
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