

RESOLUTION

DIRECTIONS: Check appropriate categories. TITLE THE RESOLUTION. Use a minimum of one “whereas” and “resolve” (add others as necessary – sample included). **Limit each resolution to one page if possible. Forward with Chairperson’s signature after approval to the Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party. (It is not necessary to send resolutions dealing with local issues)**

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: Advancing Civil Rights & Diversity Education in Michigan Schools

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Adopted by: (Name/Address/Phone of Democratic group) Washtenaw County Democratic Party

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Whereas, Michigan’s students should be provided educational opportunities that equip them with the knowledge, skills, and abilities that will prepare them to become the next generation of community leaders; and

Whereas, Michigan’s schools should prepare students to effectively participate in a multicultural society and global economy that is more democratic, equitable and just; and

Whereas, Michigan’s students should be educated on their social identity and that of others to effectively enable them to replace prejudice, bias, and stereotypes with collaboration, acceptance, understanding and unity; and

Whereas, Michigan’s schools, teachers, and students should have ready access to civil rights and social justice learning opportunities to better themselves, their institutions, and their communities; and

Whereas, Michigan’s students who have learned about social justice foster environments that promote engagement, celebrate diversity, strengthen equal opportunity for all, eliminate inequities, and confront discrimination; and

Whereas, Michigan’s students should understand their right to assemble, protest, and/or organize community action projects, empowering students to protect themselves and others from injustices and to be able to rectify said injustices; and

Whereas, Schools that lack the resources, including qualified and experienced staff and educators, or otherwise fail to address race-sensitive issues through education and dialogue, ultimately undermine students’ development and their ability to recognize, understand, avoid, and respond to stereotypes, bigotry, racism, sexism and gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, and religious and other inequalities; it is therefore

Resolved, That the Washtenaw County Democratic Party and the Michigan Democratic Party will continue to promote civil rights education and diversity learning through public forums and youth dialogues; and

Resolved, That the Washtenaw County Democratic Party and the Michigan Democratic Party encourage schools, school districts, and school boards to adopt policies and practices that promote an understanding and appreciation of diversity; and

Resolved, That the Washtenaw County Democratic Party and the Michigan Democratic Party encourage schools, school districts, and school boards to provide civil rights education to students through courses, workshops, or other methods; and

Resolved, That the Washtenaw County Democratic Party and the Michigan Democratic Party encourage schools, school districts, and school boards to implement best practices that promote the ability of all students to constructively exercise their first amendment rights and to speak on the policy issues that concern them, through public forums, student representation on school boards, and other civic engagement programs; and

Resolved, That the Washtenaw County Democratic Party and the Michigan Democratic Party encourage schools, school districts, and school boards to educate and train school faculty to recognize and nurture sensitive situations involving social justice and civil rights issues and secure third- party experts where appropriate; and

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the State Democratic Party with a recommendation for its acceptance and placement in the appropriate document or with appropriate committee for action.



SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON: _____

8/13/2016

DATE:

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