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Resolution on 2020 North Carolina Democratic Party County and District Conventions in Response to COVID-19 State of Emergency

PREAMBLE: The North Carolina Democratic Party prioritizes the well-being and safety of North Carolina Democrats and all North Carolina citizens as we prepare for our yearly precinct, county, and district conventions scheduled for the 2020 Election Cycle. Due to the rapidly-escalating health concerns related to the spread of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and in accordance with Governor Roy Cooper's State of Emergency declaration for the State of North Carolina, the North Carolina Democratic Party is acting to protect the health and safety of our state.

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Democratic Party State Executive Council unanimously adopted a *Resolution on North Carolina Democratic Party Meetings in Response to COVID-19 State of Emergency* in an emergency session on March 12, 2020, and

WHEREAS, guidance from North Carolina's Governor Roy Cooper, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Safety (NCDHHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have been updated further reducing the number of individuals who can safely assemble during this public health crisis since the aforementioned resolution was adopted, and

WHEREAS, two key dates in the North Carolina Delegate Selection Plan, the County Convention date of March 28, 2020, and District Convention Date of April 25, 2020, now fall within the scope of the aforementioned recommendations, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Democratic Party continues to affirm our role in safeguarding public health in our state, be it

RESOLVED, by the State Executive Council of the North Carolina Democratic Party, in response to an ongoing unprecedented health crisis, that the North Carolina Delegate Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention be amended as follows, effective upon adoption of this resolution:

- 1. All references to the date of County Conventions as Saturday, March 28, 2020 shall be replaced with the date Saturday, April 25, 2020; and
- 2. In Section III, paragraph A.2(e), the second sentence shall be stricken and replaced with the following:

"The county chair shall determine, in consultation with the State Party, the starting time of the county convention. County conventions shall take place using state party furnished and approved teleconferencing software to allow remote attendees to listen in and participate via the internet and/or telephone. The time and method of accessing the county conventions shall be as fully publicized by the county chair, 3rd vice chair, or the designee responsible for media, as possible."

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- 3. All references to the date of District Conventions as Saturday, April 25, 2020 shall be replaced with the date of Saturday, May 16, 2020; and
- 4. In Section III, paragraph A.3(a), the second sentence shall be stricken and replaced with the following:

"The congressional district chair shall determine, in consultation with the State Party, the starting time of the congressional district convention. Congressional district conventions shall take place using state party furnished and approved teleconferencing software to allow remote attendees to listen in and participate via the internet and/or telephone."

5. Counties which fail to meet on April 25, 2020 will be ineligible to send delegates to Congressional District and State Conventions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Chair, in consultation with co-chairs of the NCDP Delegate Selection & Affirmative Action Committee, is authorized to amend the dates for the County Conventions and Congressional District Conventions as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Chair, in consultation with co-chairs of the NCDP Delegate Selection & Affirmative Action Committee, is authorized to make further changes to the Delegate Selection Plan to support these amendments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the order of business and rules of the day for county conventions be set under guidelines passed by State Executive Council on March 12, 2020 for Group A counties. All counties are now considered to be Group A counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 6.01 of the North Carolina Democratic Party Plan of Organization, paragraph entitled "Order of Business - Even numbered Years" shall be suspended for the 2020 District Conventions, and that the order of business for Congressional District Conventions shall be set by the State Chair, in consultation with the District Chairs.

Amended/Updated on Wednesday, March 18, 2020

*This Resolution was passed by the North Carolina Democratic Party's State Executive Council on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. This Resolution has been submitted to the DNC for approval.

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