

A RESOLUTION REGARDING ELECTION SECURITY

WHEREAS, The Russians were relentless in attempting to meddle in the 2016 elections and will continue to undermine confidence in the legitimacy of our elections; and

WHEREAS, The U. S. Department of Homeland Security and top U. S. Intelligence Agencies have said that Russian agents are preparing for new rounds of election interference this year; and

WHEREAS, The U. S. Senate Intelligence Committee has recommended that states make sure voting machines have paper audits trails and aren't capable of being connected to the internet and that federal, state and local governments have better communications about cyber-threats and vulnerabilities in computer systems; and

WHEREAS, The U. S. Senate Intelligence Committee has recommended improvement in our nation's election infrastructure ahead of the 2018 midterm elections; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of North Carolina deserve to have their votes counted without interference from foreign countries in our election process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That North Carolina Democrats recommend the continued investigations into these matters; and

RESOLVED, That state and county Boards of Election ensure voting machines have paper audit trails and are not capable of being connected to the Internet; and

RESOLVED, That federal, state and local governments, including local Boards of Elections, have better communications about cyber-threats and vulnerabilities in computer systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That state and local election officials take advantage of the resources provided by the Homeland Security Department, such as comprehensive risk assessments and remote cyber-scanning of their networks to spot vulnerabilities.

Submitted by the Randolph County Democratic Party County Convention