

## **A RESOLUTION TO EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTE SUSTAINING FUND FEES FOR PRECINCTS**

WHEREAS, The current formula for determining a precinct's North Carolina Democratic Party Sustaining Fund Fee includes all registered voters within the precinct; and

WHEREAS, The current formula for determining a precinct's delegate representation at the County Convention is based on the number of votes cast by the precinct for the Democratic nominee for Governor; and

WHEREAS, a large number of counties have more Republicans than Democrats; and

WHEREAS, many of these same counties are either tier one or tier two economically distressed counties according to the NC Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, requiring economically distressed precincts to pay fees for people who are not registered Democrats while basing their allowed delegate votes on the percentage of the precinct's votes for a Democratic candidate is a regressive fee; and

WHEREAS, Democratic parties in economically distressed rural counties with a low number of Democratic voters may have difficulties raising enough money to maintain a presence in their communities and campaign for Democratic candidates;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party will administer a formula for sustaining fund fees calculated on the number of votes within a precinct for the Democratic gubernatorial candidates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the formula of 2 cents per gubernatorial vote be adjusted upward as necessary to prevent a large loss of income to the party from the implementation of the new formula.