

Resolution Urging Legislative Reform to Provide for Enhanced Sentencing in Secret Peeping Cases Involving Minors

Resolution sponsored by Amy Rosenthal for consideration at the 2026 OCGOP County Convention.

WHEREAS, members of the Orange County GOP expect strong and unwavering protections from individuals who commit sexual offenses, particularly offenses involving minors and other “at risk” populations; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina’s existing statute on secret peeping (N.C.G.S 14-202) does not include a provision that enhances potential punishment where minors have been victimized; and

WHEREAS, without such a provision there can occur circumstances in which individuals who violate the statute for the purpose of peeping on children do not receive the appropriate punishment for their actions, such as being ineligible to receive an active prison sentence if they have no prior criminal history; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County GOP stands firmly for a justice system that prioritizes victims and protects communities, especially children; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Orange County GOP requests that the North Carolina General Assembly revisit N.C.G.S.14-202 and amend the statute to provide for harsher punishment in circumstances in which the victims are minors.

Adopted this 21st day of March, 2026, by the Orange County, NC Republican Party.

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