

**THE NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY
2025 STATE CONVENTION**



PASSED RESOLUTIONS

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Resolutions Committee Report 2025

Resolutions play a vital role in our organization: they send a message, inspire action, and honor important causes or individuals. While they do not carry the force of law, policy, or platform, resolutions are an essential venue for introducing and testing ideas that may one day shape our laws and policies.

The Resolutions Committee engages in vigorous, collaborative debate to refine submissions—preferably through thoughtful, face-to-face discussion rather than impersonal stalemates on the broader convention floor. Resolutions are prioritized into tiers, after which the committee agrees on a method for review. Multiple versions of similar topics are carefully reconciled into unified proposals. The committee then hears feedback—both praise and concern—before voting on each resolution’s inclusion, modification, or referral to another committee or venue for further action.

This year, the resolution process was streamlined by integrating it with county convention reports, making submission and review more efficient. After county-level resolutions were addressed, district-level resolutions were reviewed to ensure that no important topics were overlooked.

In total, over **80 resolutions covering 34 topics from 27 counties** were reviewed, reflecting a wide range of ideas and passionate debate. Highlights include:

- **Honoring former Chair James Hastings** for his outstanding service.
- **Sanctity of Life, Medical Freedom, and the Election Bill of Rights** were the most widely supported resolutions across the state. Each was reconciled from multiple submissions to ensure all voices were represented.
- **Prayer in Schools** emerged as a unique and powerful resolution focused on reaffirming core values and supporting the role of faith in public life. Separately, the resolution to **Restore Educational Integrity and Protect Children** introduced an innovative approach aimed at challenging ideological biases within the education system and reinforcing a commitment to academic excellence and parental rights.
- **Lumbee Recognition** echoed President Trump’s recent executive order supporting North Carolina’s historic Lumbee Tribe, whose members continue to trend Republican.

Additionally:

- A resolution concerning **Convention Voting Order** was referred to the **Rules Committee**.
- A resolution advocating for **Staff Salary Disclosure** was referred to the **Plan of Organization Committee**.

The passion, creativity, and commitment demonstrated through this year's resolution process reflect the strength and vitality of our grassroots leadership across the state.

Phillip Stephens, Chairman
NCGOP Resolutions Committee

Linda Harper, D1; Joel Brown, D2 ; Bill Lanier, D3; Zander Pitrus, D4; Rick Woods, D5; Caleb Itterly, D6; Reuel Sample, D7; Phillip Stephens, D8; Chris Holland, D9; Robert Meek, D10; Keith Blaine, D11; Addul Ali, D12; Tara Niebaum, D13; Melanie Jennings, D14; At-Large: Larry Shaheen, David Gleeson, Jack Simms.

**RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER
NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIR
JAMES “JIM” HASTINGS**

Whereas, James “Jim” Hastings, former Chair of the North Carolina Republican Party, went to be with his Lord on April 20th (Easter Day); and

Whereas, Jim had a long history of service to the Republican Party, having served as Chair of the Watauga County GOP, worked on numerous campaigns—including those of Presidents Reagan and Trump—as well as various local, state, and national races, along with being a major fundraiser; and

Whereas, Jim was a three-time recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of North Carolina’s highest civilian honors; and

Whereas, Jim had a passion for charitable work, helping bring “Meals on Wheels” to residents across North Carolina, co-founding Santa’s Toy Box to bring joy to children, and volunteering for mission trips and leading Bible studies around the world; and

Whereas, Jim dedicated a lifetime of service to the Republican Party and to all those he encountered; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the North Carolina Republican Party memorializes and honors the legacy of service & dedication that Jim Hastings gave to the Republican Party, local charities, and to the people of North Carolina to protect freedom & improve lives.

**SANCTITY OF LIFE RESOLUTION:
Resolution to Abolish Abortion, Defund Planned Parenthood, and Reinstate Pro-Life RNC
Platform**

Whereas, Article 4.1 of the North Carolina Republican Party Platform states: “*We believe in the sanctity of **all** human life. Unborn children have constitutional rights to life and liberty and, the government must respect and protect **all** innocent human life from conception to natural death.*”[**Emphasis added.**]¹; and

Whereas, the value of human life is not based upon the circumstances of conception including children conceived in rape and incest, as ALL children have inherent worth as a reflection of their Creator and are included in the North Carolina Republican Party Platform’s category of “**all**” human life under Article 4.1.; and

Whereas, on June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, 597 U.S 215. Quoting from its decision: “*Abortion presents a profound moral question. **The Constitution does not prohibit the citizens of each State from regulating or prohibiting abortion.***”[**Emphasis added.**]²; and

Whereas, Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia have completely banned and/or made abortions unavailable; and³

Whereas, ALL unborn children in the State of North Carolina are vulnerable to abortion under the current “12 week ban,” as each child must pass through the first 12 weeks of human gestation to be protected from abortion; and

Whereas, a medical separation procedure performed during a medical emergency ***in order to save the life of the mother*** is NOT an abortion (the intentional killing of the unborn child during the process of separation); and

Whereas, dignified, humane treatment of an unborn child who does not survive a medical separation procedure is NOT an abortion; and

Whereas, the North Carolina General Assembly has legal authority to abolish abortion within the borders of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Article 4.12 of the North Carolina Republican Party Platform states: “*We oppose the sale, purchase, possession, or use of fetal tissue or body parts obtained from induced abortions*”⁴; and

Whereas, the use of tissue from aborted children in the development of vaccines and in medical research negates the value of all human life⁵; and

Whereas, in April 2021, the National Institutes of Health reversed Trump era restrictions on research using tissue from aborted children,⁶ such that aborted children have once again been

made available for sale⁷; and

Whereas, ALL North Carolina school children are required by law to receive multiple vaccines developed using cell lines of aborted children,^{8,9,10} and therefore, the children of Pro-Life North Carolinians are required to participate in abortion, or assert a medical or religious exemption on their children's behalf; and

Whereas, beginning in 2021, all North Carolinians were required to receive Covid-19 vaccines, all of which were developed using cell lines of aborted children (Pfizer and Moderna: HEK293) and (J&J: PER-C6),¹¹ thereby forcing Pro-Life North Carolinians to participate in abortion, assert a medical or religious exemption (often denied), and/or face discrimination, employment termination, or other life-changing consequences; and

Whereas, Whereas, the National Republican Party has maintained a strong pro-life stance, as affirmed in the 2016 RNC platform; and

Whereas, during the 2024 RNC Convention, the platform committee removed pro-life statements from the 2024 RNC platform; and

Whereas, many—if not the majority—of evangelical Christians have aligned with the Republican Party based on its public stance on pro-life values, as reflected in the 2016 RNC platform; and

Whereas, many evangelical Christians were surprised and felt betrayed by the omission of pro-life statements from the 2024 RNC platform; and

Whereas, Planned Parenthood was found to spend \$10 million in North Carolina in 2024 to influence statewide races, as well as specific legislative races to end the Republican supermajority and to elect pro-abortion members to the Council of State¹²; and

Whereas, Planned Parenthood South Atlantic in Raleigh, NC has been allocated a total of \$3,251,271 in taxpayer funds over a 5-year period starting April 1, 2022¹³; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Republican Party calls upon the North Carolina General Assembly to enact legislation, consistent with the State Party Platform, to abolish abortion and subject providers who perform abortion to criminal penalties.

⁵ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6027112/>

⁶ <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-01035-6> Original archived at

<https://web.archive.org/web/20210417004455/https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-01035-6> ⁷

<https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/who-buys-sells-and-uses-fetal-tissue-acquired-from-abortion-clinics/> ⁸

https://bioethicsarchive.georgetown.edu/pcbe/transcripts/sept08/deisher_statement.pdf

⁹ <https://www.lumenfidei.ie/documents/dr-stanley-plotkin-testimony.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFTsd042M3o>

¹⁰ <https://cogforlife.org/wp-content/uploads/Aborted-Fetal-Cell-Line-Chart.pdf>

¹¹ <https://cogforlife.org/wp-content/uploads/Abortion-Tainted-Vaccine-List.pdf>

¹²

<https://apnews.com/article/abortion-planned-parenthood-north-carolina-investment-election-786d9103328e51db7f97e998e352201b> ¹³
USAspending.gov

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Republican Party (NCGOP) calls upon the North Carolina General Assembly consistent with the State Party Platform to enact legislation to end the use of cells, cell lines, tissues, organs, and any other body part of aborted children in research and scientific experimentation, and subject violators to criminal penalties.

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Republican Party calls upon the North Carolina General Assembly to enact legislation to end the use of cells, cell lines, tissues, organs, and any other body part of aborted children in the development of vaccines, pharmaceuticals, medicines, cosmetics, and any other product for use, sale, manufacture, testing, or distribution in the State of North Carolina, and subject violators to criminal penalties.

RESOLVED, the North Carolina Republican Party calls upon the Republican National Committee (RNC) Platform Committee to reinstate and adopt the following statement from the 2016 RNC platform into the next RNC platform:

The Fifth Amendment: Protecting Human Life:

The Constitution's guarantee that no one can "be deprived of life, liberty or property" deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that "all" are "endowed by their Creator" with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that North Carolina Republican Party:

1. Encourages the NC General Assembly to take any and all legislative measures necessary to eliminate the funding of Planned Parenthood as a vendor for any and all North Carolina health care services;
2. Encourages Congress to take any and all legislative measures necessary to eliminate all federal funding of Planned Parenthood;
3. Orders copies of this Resolution be sent to the NCGOP; Senator Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate; Destin Hall, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives; Republican members of the NC General Assembly's health-related committees; John Thune, Senate Majority Leader of the US Senate; Mike Johnson, Speaker of the US House of Representatives; and to the North Carolina Republican delegation in the US Senate and House of Representatives.

Original Submission & Passage: Burke, Cabarrus, Carteret, Chatham, Craven, Cumberland, Durham, Granville, Guilford, Hoke, Johnston, Lee, New Hanover, Orange, Richmond, Stokes, Wake, D2, D3, D4, D6, D8, D9, D11, D13

Medical Freedom & Individual Liberty Resolution

Whereas, in March of 2020, we, the people of North Carolina, were told that the COVID-19 virus presented a grave danger to all. We were then instructed, and in many cases mandated, to wear masks, accept experimental injections and socially distance; and

Whereas, the government of North Carolina then took administrative and legislative actions which further eroded individual liberty;

Governor Cooper issued Executive Orders (EO) #116 and #117, declaring a state of emergency and giving him unprecedented authority to prohibit public gatherings, including worship services, and close all K-12 public schools.

The North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) passed bill H1043, which funded testing, tracking, and tracing of citizens. EO #147 mandated that all people wear masks in public or face civil or criminal penalties.

The NCGA repealed the anti-mask statute (GS14-12.11) to allow universal masking and passed SB232, which also made private businesses the enforcement arm of the mask mandates.

The NCGA's inaction permitted violations of personal liberty, privacy, and bodily autonomy. If a version of H558 had passed, administrative mandates for invasive procedures, such as COVID injections and testing, as well as proof of vaccination to move about freely and, in many cases, to keep employment, would have been prohibited; and

Whereas, unlike other state legislatures and the United States Congress, the NCGA failed to conduct hearings to investigate alternative therapeutic protocols, including those based on medications such as ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine, which could have reduced fear, physical suffering, and death. Instead, the state government chose a hostile stance towards alternatives to government-sanctioned COVID protocols, including taking such actions as sending threatening communications to medical professionals; and

Whereas, Covid treatment protocols from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) were, in many instances, erroneous, ineffective and/or fraudulent. These agencies now admit that masks do not stop viral transmission, that COVID injections do not prevent transmission or infection, and that there was no data to support six-foot distancing.

Government agencies, media, pharmaceutical companies, and other corporations and influencers continue to claim COVID-19 injections are “safe and effective”, while mounting evidence demonstrates alarming rates of disabling and deadly adverse events, and effectiveness is increasingly suspect.

Whereas, COVID genetic therapy injection contents deposit widely throughout the body, the concentration of mRNA and contaminants is highly variable from lot to lot, and theoretical mechanisms exist by which they could alter human DNA; and

Whereas, Article 4.1 of the North Carolina Republican Party Platform states: “We believe in the sanctity of all human life. Unborn children have constitutional rights to life and liberty, and the government must respect and protect all innocent human life from conception to natural death”;

and

Whereas, Article 4.12 of the North Carolina Republican Party Platform states: “We oppose the sale, purchase, possession, or use of fetal tissue or body parts obtained from induced abortions; and

Whereas, all Covid 19 vaccines in use today were developed using aborted fetal cell lines and therefore violate the Pro-Life conscience and the Party platform; therefore, be it

Resolved that the North Carolina Republican Party calls upon the state legislature to prohibit the sale and administration of mRNA or other gene-altering injections, designed as immunizing agents against infecting pathogens.

Resolved, that the North Carolina Republican Party calls for comprehensive open and unbiased biomedical research, open and uncensored discussion of preventive and therapeutic medical strategies, full disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest of researchers and authorities, and proper accountability for all entities whose fraudulent or negligent actions caused harm.

Resolved, that the North Carolina Republican Party calls for the NCGA to pass legislation ending the use of aborted children in science and banning abortion developed or derived medical products.

Resolved, that the North Carolina Republican Party rejects any attempt by state or federal government authority to violate our constitutional right to assemble, including for corporate worship.

Resolved, that the North Carolina Republican Party opposes any attempt to reinstate unconstitutional invasions of privacy and personal liberty, such as the proposed rules properly rejected by the NC Commissioner of Labor. Those rules would have established a system to force masking, distancing, tracking, tracing, testing, and other invasions, including injections.

Resolved, that the North Carolina Republican Party rejects yielding any authority to unaccountable and unelected agencies, such as the World Health Organization, as a threat to state and national sovereignty, and to personal liberty.

Resolved, that the North Carolina Republican Party recognizes that all North Carolinians are endowed by our Creator with unalienable rights which are affirmed by our founding documents, and mean that no government entity, whether executive, legislative, judicial, or administrative, nor any private entity, including but not limited to businesses, schools, and places of employment, shall ever have any authority to coerce or force upon any human being, born or unborn, any medical procedure or practice including but not limited to masking, testing, vaccination, medical experiments, pharmaceuticals, or any other medical product as a condition of citizenship, patronage, employment, education, worship, assembly, or movement.

Original submission & passage: Burke County, Craven County, Cumberland County, Durham County, Gaston County, Granville County, Guilford County, Hoke County, Lee County, Richmond County, Scotland County, Stokes County, and Union County, Cabarrus County
Executive Committee - D2, D3, D6, D8, D10, D11, D13

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF US CITIZENS ELECTIONS BILL OF RIGHTS

Whereas, elections are the bedrock of America's constitutional republic; and **Whereas**, election integrity remains a top issue for North Carolinians and all Americans; and

Whereas, President Trump is committed to meaningful election reforms to assure that elections are secure and the results are transparent and accurate; and

Whereas, the US Citizens Elections Bill of Rights reflects the priorities of President Trump and our citizens; and

Whereas, the US Citizens Elections Bill of Rights was drafted with the Election Integrity Network, state and national organizations, and the North Carolina Election Integrity Team (NCEIT) as a collaborative nationwide grassroots effort; and

Whereas, the US Citizens Elections Bill of Rights addresses the vulnerabilities identified in election laws state-by-state and at the federal level and demonstrated in elections across the nation including North Carolina; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Republican Party (NCGOP):

1. Proclaims its support for the US Citizens Elections Bill of Rights to secure the integrity of our elections and protect them from fraud, manipulation, and error, free from foreign interference and influence;
2. Encourages the NC General Assembly to take any and all legislative measures necessary to enact the tenets of the US Citizens Elections Bill of Rights into state law;
3. Encourages Congress to take any and all legislative measures necessary to enact the tenets of the US Citizens Elections Bill of Rights into federal law; and
4. Orders a copy of this Resolution be sent to the NCGOP; Senator Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate; Destin Hall, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives; Republican members of the General Assembly's election related committees; John Thune, Senate Majority Leader of the US Senate; Mike Johnson, Speaker of the US House of Representatives; and to the North Carolina Republican delegation in the US Senate and House of Representatives.

Original submission & passage: Davidson, Guilford, D6, Catawba, Iredell, Wake, and D2.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REINTRODUCTION OF PRAYER, BIBLE READING, AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN PUBLIC LIFE

Whereas: The United States of America was founded upon principles deeply rooted in the Christian faith, with the Founding Fathers acknowledging the influence of Christianity on the nation's laws, morality, and society, and;

Whereas: The Declaration of Independence affirms that the rights of individuals are endowed by a Creator, and our national motto, "In God We Trust," reflects the essential role of faith in the American founding and identity, and;

Whereas: The principle of the separation of Church and State was intended to protect religious expression from government interference, ensuring the free practice of religion and not to prohibit religious observance in public life, as evidenced by the First Amendment, and;

Whereas: The Bible was the primary textbook for moral education, literature, and learning in America for the first 150 years of the nation's existence, playing a central role in the intellectual and cultural development of the nation, and;

Whereas: The United States' tradition of public prayer, Bible reading, and displaying the Ten Commandments in public spaces has long served as a foundation for moral clarity and spiritual guidance for individuals and communities, and;

Whereas: Since the removal of prayer from public schools in 1962, there has been a marked increase in societal issues, including violence, out-of-wedlock births, drug use, school shootings, and mental health crises, which have had a devastating impact on children, families, and communities across the nation, and;

Whereas: The principles contained in the Bible and the Ten Commandments provide a moral framework that encourages personal responsibility, respect for life, and the pursuit of justice, values that are crucial for a thriving and virtuous society, and;

Whereas: Psalm 33:12 affirms, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," reinforcing the notion that a nation that acknowledges and aligns itself with God's moral guidance will receive divine favor and blessings, therefor be it

Resolved: That the North Carolina Republican Party supports the reintroduction of prayer, Bible reading, and the display of the Ten Commandments in public schools, government buildings, and other public institutions, recognizing their historical and moral significance in shaping the nation and the well-being of its citizens; and be it further

Resolved: That the North Carolina Republican Party calls for public policies that recognize the Judeo-Christian foundation of American values and ensures that religious expressions are allowed to flourish in the public sphere in accordance with the First Amendment, with the aim of restoring the moral and spiritual well-being of the nation and its people.

Original Submission & Passage: Watauga

Resolution to Restore Educational Integrity, Protect Children, and Sever Ties with Politicized Organizations in North Carolina

WHEREAS, the protection of children’s innocence and the promotion of transparency, integrity, and accountability in educational institutions are foundational principles for a healthy society; and

WHEREAS, children have increasingly been exposed to sexually explicit materials and performances—including drag shows and adult-themed library content—due to the absence of appropriate legal restrictions and the infiltration of radical ideologies into educational and library systems; and

WHEREAS, male and female impersonators, often under the guise of artistic expression, have engaged in performances appealing to prurient interests and presented in venues accessible to minors, necessitating clear statutory safeguards; and

WHEREAS, the American Library Association (ALA) has promoted a divisive social justice framework, opposed age-appropriate content restrictions, and facilitated minors access to sexually explicit materials in publicly funded libraries; and

WHEREAS, the State School Board Association and various educational governance bodies have similarly failed to maintain political neutrality, often advocating positions contrary to the values of many parents and taxpayers, while fostering conflicts of interest through relationships with school systems they are meant to oversee; and

WHEREAS, transparency in school board elections, including disclosure of political affiliations, and the prevention of conflicts of interest among board members are essential to restoring public trust in education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the North Carolina Republican Party urges the North Carolina General Assembly to enact legislation that:

1. **Prohibits** individuals with clear conflicts of interest—including employees, contractors, and immediate family members of school system employees—from serving on Boards of Education;
2. **Requires** public disclosure of political party affiliation for all school board candidates;
3. **Eliminates** public funding for the State School Board Association to prevent taxpayer dollars from supporting partisan advocacy as the board has not maintained a non-partisan stance & had engaged in activities that may not align with the interests of local school districts;
4. **Severs** all state ties and funding for the American Library Association and any affiliated organizations promoting divisive ideologies or undermining parental rights;
5. **Ensures** that sexually explicit and adult-themed books are not accessible to minors in public

libraries and school systems; and

6. **Defines** drag performances as adult entertainment, prohibiting such performances in any public spaces, parks, or venues where minors are present, and establishes criminal penalties for violations as follows:

- o A first offense classified as a **Class A1 misdemeanor**;
- o A second or subsequent offense classified as a **Class I felony**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Carolina Republican Party calls upon lawmakers to restore integrity, decency, and accountability across all educational and public spaces, safeguarding North Carolina's children and reaffirming the fundamental values that support families and communities.

Original Submission & passage: Robeson, Union, D11

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF THE LUMBEE TRIBE

Whereas, Lumbees are descendants of the original, indigenous inhabitants of what is now Robeson County, and the archaeological data demonstrates a continuous Indian presence in Robeson County dating back 12,000 years and

Whereas, the 1725 Herbert Map shows the Wacoma tribe on Drowning Creek and in 1753 NC Governor Rowan issued a Proclamation identifying Drowning Creek as a frontier to Indians and

Whereas, the 1790 Census lists the Locklears, Chavises, Oxendines, Hammonds, Brooks, Cumbos, Revels, Carters, and Kerseys as other free persons and

Whereas, in 1835 the NC State Constitution was amended to disenfranchise Indians along with Blacks taking away voting rights and the right to bear arms and

Whereas, between 1864-1874 Henry Berry Lowrie, legendary outlaw/folk hero, led guerilla war against violent and oppressive Confederate officials, and later, US Military officials and

Whereas, in 1868 following the Civil War, the NC State Constitution was amended to enfranchise Indians restoring voting rights and the right to bear arms and

Whereas, in 1885 Hamilton McMillan, a Democratic senator, lawyer and historian, sponsored state legislation to recognize the Indians under the name Croatan and

Whereas, in 1887, McMillan sponsored legislation for an Indian Normal School. The bill passed and \$500.00 was appropriated to fund teacher's salaries. It was left up to the Indians to secure building funds and land for the school. The Croatan Normal School opened in the fall of 1887 and

Whereas, in 1888 leaders of the Croatan petitioned the US government for federal recognition and educational aid and in 1895 the NC General Assembly passed a resolution urging its US Congressional delegation to support the Croatan Indians and

Whereas, in 1899 Congressman John D. Bellamy introduced a bill in US Congress to provide educational assistance to the Croatan Indians and in 1900 Bellamy spoke before the US House Committee on Indian Affairs and reported on origins, history, and needs of the Croatan and

Whereas, the NC General Assembly changed name of tribe to "Indians of Robeson County" in 1911 and two years later state legislation was introduced to change the name to 'Cherokee Indians of Robeson County' and

Whereas, in 1913 US Congress held a hearing on the status and concerns of "Indians of Robeson County" and in 1914 a delegation from the tribe returned to the US Congress seeking support for their educational system and in 1919 O.M. McPherson, Special Indian agent with the US Bureau of Indian Affairs, visited Robeson County to study Lumbee and

Whereas, in 1934 the tribe joined the National Congress of American Indians.

Whereas, in 1952 tribal leaders held a community referendum to get approval of tribal members to change the name of the tribe to "Lumbee Tribe and in 1953 the NC General Assembly changed the name of Indians of Robeson County to "Lumbee" and to mind the land and more specifically, the river, that all Lumbee people call Home. The name respected the history of the People who came together from many nations to survive and become One Nation.

Whereas, in 1956 the US Congress passed the Lumbee Act which provides federal recognition of the tribe as "Lumbee", but denied federal Indian services to members of the Lumbee tribe and

Whereas, bills have been introduced to the US Congress to provide full federal recognition to the Lumbee Tribe over thirty times since 1988 and

Whereas, in 2001 the Lumbee Tribe elected their first Lumbee Tribal Council and

Whereas, Lumbees have made distinct and important contributions not only to Robeson County and North Carolina but to the United States, including the fields of agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art, and Lumbees have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars;

Whereas, the people of the United States have reason to honor the great achievements and contributions of the Lumbees and their ancestors and

Whereas President Donald Trump on January 23, 2025 signed a directive backing federal recognition to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, therefore, be it

Resolved that the North Carolina Republican Party hereby offers its undivided support for the Lumbee Tribe in their effort to receive full federal recognition consistent with President Trump's Executive Order of support.

Original Submission & passage: Robeson