

**NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY
REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

To: NCGOP Staff

From: NCGOP 2022 Resolutions Committee

Date: 4-19-22

Re: Committee Report

The NCGOP 2022 Resolutions Committee considered **21** total resolutions from across the state by the submission deadline. Each resolution was carefully considered & debated by committee from a multitude of topical categories that often intersected. The committee felt there is value in defining their role & scope during this consideration.

Understand that by definition a resolution is a tool to express a body's approval or disapproval of a matter that cannot otherwise be addressed by another method. A resolution does not have the weight of law and though it serves many secondary purposes, its two main purposes is to provide a message or to influence. Resolutions are typically less controversial among the deliberative body as they express consensus. The resolution is simply a formal expression of opinion, will or intent. They are intended to be timely with temporary effect and intended neither to be permanent nor enforceable, but indicative of ideas and values.

Respecting the definition and scope of the resolution, every submitted resolution was thoughtful. The committee must consider whether the resolution is otherwise effectively addressed by another method as it may already be covered within the party platform or plan of organization. It may also be already self-evident within the party or has already been effectively expressed by other means. It also may have little influencing power as in the case with many federal issues.

The committee must also consider the dilutive effect of a multitude of resolutions. Less is more when writing resolutions that are effective, will be read and will achieve the intended impact. **Three** resolutions met the criteria by the deadline and were additionally revised by committee to reflect several other similar resolutions to incorporate the similarity of ideas.

The committee thanks all the resolution writers. The committee reminds the authors that they can continue to pursue forums for all the submitted resolutions by a multitude of other venues as again, every submission was thoughtful.

The committee approved resolutions are submitted for consideration to the convention floor with respect to these stringent parameters.

Respectfully,



Phillip Stephens, Chairman
NCGOP Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "KEEP NINE AMENDMENT" TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Whereas, The United States Constitution does not provide specific instruction as to the number of justices that constitute the Supreme Court of the United States;

Whereas, For over 150 years, the Supreme Court has consisted of nine justices;

Whereas, During the nation's history, Congress has changed the number of justices, both increasing and decreasing, seven times prior to 1869 for the purpose of gaining political advantage for a then-current political position;

Whereas, The practice of "packing the Court" for political advantage greatly decreases confidence that the Supreme Court exists as an essential element of America's system of checks and balances that guarantees and protects citizens' constitutional rights;

Whereas, Democrats are now discussing packing the courts, threaten to do so, and are refusing to remove "court packing" from legislative consideration;

Whereas, Democrats have already filed bills in both Houses of Congress that would add four Justices to the Supreme Court;

Whereas, the United States President and Congress should be prohibited from undermining the independence of the Supreme Court by changing the numbers of Justices on the Court;

Whereas, To prevent all attempts to change the number of Supreme Court justices, the "Keep Nine Amendment" to the United States Constitution has been proposed, which simply states "The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine justices;"

Whereas, The "Keep Nine Amendment" was introduced as Senate Joint Resolution 9 in the United States Senate on February 24 by Senator Ted Cruz, and is now supported by NC Senator Thom Tillis and others;

Whereas, The "Keep Nine Amendment" was introduced as House Joint Resolution 11 in the House of Representatives on January 4, 2021, and is supported by NC Representatives Dan Bishop, Ted Budd, Madison Cawthorn, Virginia Foxx, Richard Hudson, Greg Murphy and David Rouzer;

Whereas, A bipartisan group of former state attorneys general oppose "court packing" and support the "Keep Nine Amendment";

Whereas, Representative Howard Penny has filed House Joint Resolution 286 in the North Carolina House of Representatives, which calls on Congress to pass the "Keep Nine Amendment"; and

Whereas, Recent polls show that voters support a "Keep Nine Amendment" by more than a three to one margin, and 82 percent of Republican voters support it; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the NCGOP encourages the North Carolina General Assembly to pass HJR 286 calling on Congress to pass the "Keep Nine Amendment"; and

Resolved, The NCGOP joins the Republican National Committee, the National Federation of Republican Women, and Freedom Works in supporting the "Keep Nine Amendment" as filed in both chambers of the United States Congress; and

Resolved, The NCGOP calls on Congress to pass the "Keep Nine Amendment" and send it to the states for ratification.

Resolution Supporting School Choice & Rejecting Critical Race Theory

Whereas, the idea that any race, ethnicity, color, or national origin is inherently superior or inferior should not be forced into any required curriculum;

Whereas, teaching students that they are guilty or victimized based on the color of their skin is inherently discriminatory and anti-American;

Whereas, parents should have the ability to choose a school for their child based on their child's individual needs, academic goals, and personal and religious beliefs;

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic caused schools across the country to close for a significant amount of time, creating a loss in learning progress and social and emotional skills for many students, that students with special needs and disabilities are met;

Whereas, parents are seeking more options for their child's schooling due to learning loss, mask mandates, and COVID-19 vaccine mandates that many States and schools are imposing;

Whereas, school choice is more important than ever to ensure that children can attend the school that works best for them and in light of the threats imposed by Critical Race Theory and overreaching mandates regarding COVID-19;

Whereas, parents should be able to receive a voucher for each child, that can be used by the parents to pay costs for the approved school of their choice.

Whereas, it is documented that certain school boards are actively silencing the voices of concerned parents and impeding their ability to have a say in their children's education; and

Whereas, Attorney General Merrick Garland has abused his office by directing Federal law enforcement to engage in local issues, thus threatening legitimately concerned parents away from advocating for their children's right to a quality and unbiased education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the North Carolina Republican Party (NCGOP):

1. Recognizes and promotes the importance of parental involvement in their child's education; and
2. Recognizes the necessity of parents' choice as a tool to empower all parents with the freedom to choose the best educational environment for their children and to
3. Rejects the destructive ideologies promoted by many public and private schools, such as Critical Race Theory.
4. Shall encourage and support legislation at the State and local levels to authorize parents to receive a voucher per child.

5. That the State Department of Education or any other government authority, shall be prohibited from dictating the curriculum of these aforementioned schools; and
6. That school vouchers shall be awarded regardless of family income level.
7. Opposes the DOE new "Proposed rule" for grants to new and expanding Charter Schools.

Resolution Opposing Transgender Agenda in School & Sports

Whereas, the North Carolina GOP platform states, “Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and woman, is the foundation for a civil society;

Whereas, transgender instruction is unrelated to any meaningful academic objective and is detrimental to the traditional family structure:

Whereas, it is NOT physically, biologically, anatomically, or scientifically possible for there to be more than two genders at birth;

Whereas: the American College of Pediatricians (ACPed) has labeled the encouragement of transgender actions with children as ‘child abuse’;

Whereas: there should be as much protection against sexually explicit discussion in school as there is in the workplace;

Whereas: men and women are not biologically similar and should not compete against one another in ‘physically’ challenging sporting activities. It doesn’t require expert reasoning, a scholarly opinion or judicial decree to draw this conclusion; and

Whereas: according to data collected in March 2022 from a study from the Nat’l Library of Medicine (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32345113/>), 82% of transgender individuals have considered killing themselves and 40% have attempted suicide, with suicidality highest among transgender youth; now, therefore, be it

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

1. Urges the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to direct all local education authorities (LEA) to prohibit transgender studies in North Carolina Public Schools as well as direct participation in school sport activities and the use of locker rooms and bathrooms to be based on biological gender at birth.
2. Supports all legislation and other actions at the State and Local levels to prohibit transgender instruction and sexually explicit content & materials in the public schools of North Carolina.