

## **Cumberland County 2017 GOP Convention DRAFT Resolution**

### **RESOLUTION FOR LEGISLATION TO HELP RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST IN NORTH CAROLINA'S ELECTORAL PROCESS**

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2017, Jay DeLancy, Director, Voter Integrity Project (VIP) North Carolina, with a group of VIP volunteers canvassed the entire North Carolina General Assembly, 50 Senators and 120 Representatives, distributing and discussing the Voter Integrity Project 2017 Legislative Advisory shown on the reverse; and,

WHEREAS, many members of the North Carolina General Assembly indicated their support of some or all of the proposed legislation; and,

WHEREAS, the Voter Integrity Project North Carolina is a non-partisan grassroots research organization that was organized in 2011 and is dedicated to ensuring free and fair elections for all lawfully registered voters; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013, former North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory, signed one of the nation's most comprehensive voter identification laws that included a requirement for voters to present government-issued photo identification to vote, reduced the early voting period to 10 days, eliminated same day voter registration, and eliminated pre-registration for 16 and 17-year old's who will be 18 on election day; and,

WHEREAS, Governor McCrory issued a statement at the signing "While some will try to make this seem to be controversial, the simple reality is that requiring voters to provide a photo ID when they vote is a common-sense idea. This new law brings our state in line with a healthy majority of other states throughout the country. This common-sense safeguard is commonplace." and,

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2016, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, struck down North Carolina's voting law eliminated the requirement to show a government-issued photo identification, and reinstated same day registration, and other provisions of the law that were designed to reduce voter fraud; and,

WHEREAS, with major protections against voter fraud having been tossed out by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the challenges of conducting fair and honest elections were realized during the North Carolina November 2016 general election with many election protests filed for alleged voter fraud that included dead persons voting, felons on active sentences voting, dual-state voters, same-day registration verification issues, and many irregularities reported at poll sites; and,

WHEREAS, reduction of election fraud and restoration of the public trust in North Carolina's electoral process requires passage of new legislation to reverse the damage caused by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals; now there be it

RESOLVED, That the Cumberland County Republican Party supports passage of ten stand-alone bills to help restore public trust in North Carolina's electoral process; and,

RESOLVED, That the Cumberland County Republican Party will send the resolution to District and State Republican Party Resolution Committees recommending consideration and adoption.