

**RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE EXCEPTIONALLY PROLIFIC AND
OPPRESSIVE OUTPUT OF THE REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE IS ANTI-DEMOCRATIC, MISOGYNISTIC, RACIST,
HOMO- AND TRANSPHOBIC AND PROMOTES A POLICE STATE BY
CURTAILING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF FLORIDA'S
CITIZENS**

WHEREAS, the Republican members of the Florida legislature have enacted two laws with solutions that lack problems in the real world of the Florida citizenry: HB7 which bans the teaching of critical race theory in the public schools, which has never been taught there; the law has the sole intent of frightening White Floridians about Black Floridians, and

SB524 which provides for a special police unit to investigate election fraud, a crime which has been almost non-existent in the last several elections, a law with tremendous potential for abuse of the citizenry and widespread loss of voting rights; and

WHEREAS, the Republican members of the Florida legislature have recently enacted several laws to oppress Floridians and abridge their reproductive and civil rights including HB5/SB146 which bans abortion after 15 weeks and makes no allowance for rape or incest, and

HB1557, which in effect prohibits teaching about homosexual and transgender behavior as objective subjects in all grades of our public schools, depriving preteen and teenage Floridians of appropriate scientific knowledge about human sexuality which they need to deal with the inevitable events in their daily lives and stigmatizes LGBTQ children, threatening their well-being and their lives; and

HB7 and HB1467 which provide for book banning in the public schools using vague and unstated criteria; and

SB7044 which seeks to negate the efforts of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, which is the accrediting association for the Florida university system. The association is investigating the Governor and the governing board of the university over their attempt to stop University of Florida professors from criticizing the previous session's voting law, SB90 in court. The professors have said that SB90 made it more difficult for African American Floridians to vote. A Federal District Court decision agreed with the the opinion of the faculty members.

WHEREAS, the legislature has enacted a divorce bill, HB1796, that strongly favors men over women; and

a bill, HB620, which allows local businesses to sue local governments that they feel damage their businesses with legislation; and

a bill, SB758, which takes power from local school boards in their dealings with charter schools; and

a bill, SB1000 which allows more fertilizer on citrus crops; and

WHEREAS, long experience has demonstrated the futility of appealing to the better natures of the Republicans in power in the state of Florida, the most effective way to rescind and replace these oppressive, bigoted, and economically and environmentally counterproductive laws is to remove the Republicans via the ballot box;

THEREFORE, we, the members of the Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee, pledge that in our roles as precinct leaders and zone leaders, citizens and good neighbors we will make every effort to get Democratic state senators and representatives elected by emphasizing how Democratic legislators help everyday Floridians to better their lives and contrasting that with the inhumane and insensitive laws of the Republican-run legislature which make life more difficult for Floridians; and

THEREFORE, we pledge to tell all voters in clear and understandable language that the legislation written in Tallahassee has a profound effect on their everyday lives and therefore they should vote for the entire Democratic ticket from bottom to top; we urge all the other precinct leaders and DEC's in Florida to make the maximum effort this fall without fail as our democracy, in the state and in the nation, depends upon it; and

THEREFORE, we urge the Florida Democratic Party in all its campaign efforts to show the positive things Democrats do for Floridians' daily lives, and to contrast those to the actions of the Republican legislators who do the opposite by unnecessarily burdening so many aspects of everyday Floridians' daily existence.

Passed by the Palm Beach County Democratic Executive Committee
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