

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NORTH CAROLINA  
CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE AND MITIGATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Democratic Party supports the well-being, education, health, safety and financial security of all North Carolina citizens; and

WHEREAS, the effects of more frequent and intense hurricanes, flooding, extreme temperatures, droughts, saltwater intrusion, and beach erosion have impacted and will continue to impact North Carolina's economy; and

WHEREAS, climate-related environmental impacts can cause serious disruption and pose significant health risks to North Carolinians, including but not limited to waterborne disease, compromised drinking water, increases in disease-spreading organisms, and harmful effects from air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the absence of trees and permeable surface areas increases erosion, raises temperatures in urban areas, disrupts the healthful oxygen/carbon-dioxide cycle, and jeopardizes overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the widespread and irresponsible removal of trees and other destruction of green spaces comes at the expense (both monetary and health-related) of ordinary citizens – often with disproportional damage to communities of color and other disadvantaged populations; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is well positioned to take advantage of its technology, research, businesses, existing natural infrastructure, and its current and developing workforce to promote climate-resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Democratic Party promotes economic and social security for its communities now and for future generations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Democratic Party will support efforts to build resilient communities and mitigate the impacts of climate change for the benefit of all North Carolinians by championing efforts to:

- Provide community education for all citizens in North Carolina on actions that support their communities' ability to become more climate resilient and proactive;
- Improve funding and services for community recycling programs;
- Increase access and infrastructure for zero-emission vehicles;
- Provide affordable access to renewable energy for businesses and homeowners, such as rooftop solar, solar parking structures, and other means for offsetting carbon;
- Support efforts to preserve and maintain green spaces and trees; and
- Provide education and skills training to prepare a well-trained and talented work-force for a clean-energy economy.

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