1. Hate Crimes Against Muslims

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NAACP categorically opposes any Trump administration executive order seeking to impose any religious-based ban on persons entering the United States; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NAACP calls upon the President of the United States to discontinue his demonization of Muslims as persons primarily responsible for terrorism in the United States and to disavow in unequivocal terms all hate crimes against Muslims; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP calls upon the United States Department of Justice and all state and local officials to prosecute hate crimes against Muslims to the fullest extent of the law.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
In May, 2018, the Washington Bureau joined with several coalition partners in urging the US Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security to abandon their plan to implement “extreme vetting” of certain individuals who wish to enter the country, with an emphasis on Muslim who wish to come to the U.S. Through extreme vetting, the State Department would require an individual to make their social media posts, etc. available prior to entry into the U.S.

When the US Supreme Court issued its decision in Hawaii v. Trump, upholding the “Muslim travel ban,” the Washington Bureau sent as many as 10 people, all dressed in NAACP T-shirts and hats and carrying NAACP signs to the US Supreme Court at a hastily-called rally decrying the decision.

Working with coalition partners including Muslim Advocates and the Southern Poverty Law Center, the NAACP Washington Bureau has also been in contact with some of the larger technology firms, including Facebook, Google, and Twitter, to ensure they were familiar with domestic terror threats and the fact that they are not majority-Muslim. The NAACP Washington Bureau also drafted testimony for NAACP President and CEO Johnson to provide to the House Committee on Homeland Security in November, 2017 for the committee’s hearing entitled “World Wide Threats: Keeping America Safe in the New Age of Terror.” In his testimony, President Johnson argued that the biggest threat to American safety was not from Muslims or any religious group, but rather from the bigotry and hatred which appears to be growing here in the U.S. against racial and ethnic minorities and is being fed and nurtured by certain elements within the public realm.
2. **Opposing Conversion Therapy and Other Religious Redirective Practices for Persons Who are LGBTQIA**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) opposes the use of conversion therapy and other unscientific practices which undermine and violate the civil and constitutional rights of the LGBTQIA community.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017.
As such, local units and state conferences have been instructed to oppose any initiatives which may promote or even permit “conversion therapy” centers within their jurisdictions.
The NAACP Washington Bureau has actively and so far successfully worked against federal funding for such “therapies.”

**COMMEMORATIVE/MEMORIAL**

1. **Honoring Brownsville Tennessee Branch Charter Members Especially Elbert Williams Who was Murdered June 20, 1940, in the Struggle for African American Voting Rights**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”), recognizes the courage of all the Brownsville Branch 1939 charter members, and expresses its deepest appreciation for their sacrifice for voting rights, with special thanks to Ollie Bond and wife Mattye Tollette Bond, Buster Walker, Elisha Davis, and Elbert Williams; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP recognizes Elbert Williams as a voting rights hero, the first NAACP member to die in the struggle for civil rights, and offers its eternal thanks to his memory and his family.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017.
2. Recognition of Gullah-Geechie Culture and the Origins of “Kumbaya”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) calls the United States National Park Service to include information on cultural origin and significance of the song “Kumbaya” into each of its markers along the Gullah-Geechee corridor; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP shall demand that the United States Congress fully fund the Gullah-Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, which works to preserve the heritage and area.

STAFF ACTIONS:
This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017.

3. NAACP Commemorates the Life and Legacy of Roger Wilkins

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is privileged to be the beneficiary of Roger Wilkins’s many contributions and is proud to pay richly deserved tribute to him as a courageous and outstanding Civil and Human Rights leader.

STAFF ACTIONS:
This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017.
Furthermore, Washington Bureau Director Shelton participated in a commemoration of the Department of Justice’s Community Relations Service and its specific celebration of Mr. Wilkins in mid-September, 2017. Mr. Shelton spoke extensively about the role of Mr. Wilkins in the fight for civil rights.
A lovely commemorative booklet, featuring pictures and words of wisdom from Mr. Wilkins, as well as descriptions of a few of his many NAACP accomplishments, was prepared by National staff and distributed at the Baltimore NAACP convention prayer breakfast.
Also, the summer issue of the Crisis carried him on the cover and contained an extensive piece on him and his extensive contribution to the struggle.
Lastly, NAACP Nation Staff was well represented at his memorial service in May of 2018.

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4. Celebrating the Life and Honoring the Memory of William T. Coleman, Jr.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) is privileged to be the beneficiary of the many contributions of Secretary William T. Coleman, Jr. and is proud to pay richly deserved tribute to Secretary Coleman, as a courageous and outstanding public servant for civil rights; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NAACP honors the contributions towards the advancement of civil rights by Secretary William T. Coleman Jr. who rose above racial barriers himself as a student, military member, influential lawyer and a cabinet secretary.

STAFF ACTIONS:
This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017.

5. NAACP Recognizes and Honors Ina Boon for her Contributions in the Struggle for Equality for All

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP is privileged to be the beneficiary of Ida Boon’s many contributions and is proud to pay richly deserved tribute to Ina Boon as a courageous and outstanding public servant for civil rights.

STAFF ACTIONS:
This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

1. Prisoner Education Through Tablet Computers

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) shall advocate for the provision of
technology such as tablet computers that will allow prisoners to pursue education and learn necessary computer skills; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP shall call upon all prison officials and state and federal legislators for immediate research, adoption and implementation of allowing tablet computers and other technology to be afforded to prisoners without financial exploitation of prisoners or their families.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
*The Criminal Justice Department has reached out to national organizations working to ensure access to education for imprisoned people. The NAACP has collaborated with these organizations to educate state and local units on advocacy opportunities in their jurisdictions.*

**2. Campaign to Stop Financial Exploitation of Prisoners and their Families**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) strongly supports measures that will provide services, canteen, commissary, and telephone rates that are commensurate to outside rates; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NAACP calls upon prison officials and their families to divest from any interest in prison services, canteen, commissary, and/or telephone companies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NAACP reaffirms its commitment to prisoners receiving a minimum wage and job opportunities that can provide useful training and skills; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP will advocate on the state and national level to ensure that federal and state laws and regulations prohibit the financial exploitation of prisoners.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
*Through the NAACP’s Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute, the Criminal Justice Department has trained units across the country about prison profiteering. The Department has provided education and technical assistance to units that are seeking to challenge the financial exploitation of jail and prison inmates.*

**3. Independent Civilian Oversight Board for Review of Prisoner Grievances**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) shall call upon all federal, state, and local officials & legislators for the immediate creation, adoption and implementation of an Independent Civilian Oversight Board for the Review of Prisoner Grievances, while independently holding abusive prison and jail officials
accountable for their misconduct.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
*One of the primary goals of the current criminal justice staff is to work with their Board Committee to reopen / start NAACP branches in prisons. To date, we have entered into negotiations with a number of prisons throughout the nation. One of the primary goals of these new branches will be to improve conditions in the prisons, and to give prisoners tools to peacefully and constructively improve their circumstances.*

4. **Abolish Penal Slavery and Involuntary Servitude**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) shall call upon the federal government and all state governments to abolish penal slavery and involuntary servitude; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP shall call upon Congress and all State legislatures to adhere to international standards for the humane treatment of prisoners.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
*Through the NAACP’s Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute, the Criminal Justice Department has trained units across the country about the abuses of human rights caused by forced prison labor. The Department has provided education and technical assistance to units that are seeking to challenge the forced labor of jail and prison inmates.*

*Criminal Justice Department Staff participated in an Environmental and Climate Change Department podcast that discussed the safety and humanitarian concerns raised by forcing incarcerated persons to respond to natural disasters.*

*Economic Department staff provided support for advocacy to address the forced labor justice-involved individuals in dangerous poultry factory labor.*

5. **NAACP Opposes Gun Homicide and Calls for it to Rightfully Be Seen as a Public Health Epidemic**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) reaffirms its commitment to fighting violence stated in these resolutions:

- 2013 – Anti-Violence Social Media Campaign
- 2010 – Making Communities Smart and Safe through Violence Reduction
- 2010 – Gun Violence Prevention and Safety at Public Events
- 2009 – National Day of Nonviolence
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP at the national, state, and local levels will work to have gun violence recognized and defined as a Public Health Epidemic and National Health Crisis. The NAACP will work to ensure that elected officials address this crisis by enacting legislation and promote policies that protect the rights of all Americans to live in safe environments free from gun violence and allocating sufficient funding for education, awareness and research; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will promote sensible gun violence prevention legislation including, but not limited to, legislation on the federal, state and local level, which:

- Requires universal background checks on all gun sales and transfers;
- Bans military-style, semi-automatic assault guns and military high-capacity ammunition clips;
- Enacts tough new criminal penalties for straw purchasers and gun traffickers;
- Bans suspects on the terror watch list from purchasing firearms;
- Overturns the current prohibition and allows the Center for Disease Control to research gun violence as a major public health issue;
- Maintains current law requiring background checks and permits for gun silencers;
- Allows states to maintain and enforce their own “concealed carry” laws;
- Requires microstamping or ballistic fingerprinting of all new firearms and ammunition sold in the U.S.;
- Repeals all state “stand your ground” laws;
- Encourages local jurisdictions to utilize their “buyer power” to create incentives for firearm manufacturers to employ “countermarketing” strategies to ensure that their retailers are using all available procedures to prevent illegal firearms diversion.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP urges the reform of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to ensure equal access to benefits without discrimination to families in communities with higher than average rates of homicide, and designate funding to provide community-based mental health services and supports to families who have lost loved ones to gun violence and homicide; and

STAFF ACTIONS:
The NAACP Washington Bureau has actively worked to promote the position of the NAACP regarding firearms and impact of gun violence on our communities. This includes letters to every member of the House and Senate, the full House and Senate Judiciary Committees and the relevant subcommittees when they have considered relevant legislation.

The NAACP Washington Bureau has also promoted our position heavily by creating and
distributing an Issue Brief which describes the disproportionate damage done to our community through gun violence and some of the solutions. We also distributed the Issue Brief at several conferences of groups devoted to ending gun violence, and Director Shelton has addressed those groups.

The Youth and College Division mobilized over 900 young people to participate in the March for our Lives. The Criminal Justice Department engaged students in a debrief and next steps conversation.

At the Spring 2018 Civil Rights Training Institutes, Criminal Justice Department educated units about advocacy to holistically address community violence. The Health Department will be educating units about public health approaches to violence at the 109th Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

The Health Department is working with the Criminal Justice Department to host a workshop on public health approaches to address violence and trauma during the 2018 Annual Convention.

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1. **In Support of Preserving Historic Places that Tell the Full African-American Story**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) will work with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to identify properties/sites to support the work of their historic preservation.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**

This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was discussed at our 2017 national convention. As a follow-up, staff members of the National Preservation for Historic Trust provided training and information materials to 18 NAACP State Conference Economic Program chairs about the importance of identifying historic sites that tell the full African American story.
EDUCATION

1. **Civics and Character Education in Schools**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the NAACP urges all units to advocate that state and local education agencies make character and civics education a mandatory component of every student’s Pre-K through 12 instructional program.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**

*Sent State and Area Conference NAACP Presidents tools for their units to help implement the resolution. Actually, the tools go further to also assist the units to understand how the States are evaluating the Character and Civics Education being provided, and the results of that evaluation. The tools consist of a 1-page memo, a copy of the resolution, and a chart (“Character Education—What States Are Doing”).*

2. **Combined Resolution Charter School Finances, Charter Funding to Schools that Counsel Students out of Charter School, Election of Charter School Board, Charter School Teacher Certification**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) advocates that charter school authorizing entities establish charter school salaries in line with traditional district school salaries; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NAACP reaffirms its demand for full and open financial accountability to the public, including requiring annual reports that delineate exact, detailed expenditures that includes salaries, management fees, material and textbook expenditures, gifts, advertising, recruitment, political purpose expenditures, and fees paid to private management organizations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NAACP advocates that charter school information noted in the previous two paragraphs be collected and reviewed by the charter authorizing agency prior to approval of a new budget for the charter school and/or reauthorization of the charter school. In addition, the charter school’s academic performance shall be rated and all the foregoing information shall be made public; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NAACP advocates for public funds attached to students counseled out of charter schools must be returned to the public school district from which it came; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NAACP advocate that all charter schools must hold public elections of their board members in accordance with state election laws; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NAACP advocate that teachers of pre-K through 12 must adhere to the same certification regulations as those required of teachers in traditional district schools.

STAFF ACTIONS:
Sent all units "A Toolkit for NAACP Unit Responses to Public Funding of Charter Schools or Other Privatization of K-12 Public Education." The 2017 Charter-related resolutions are addressed within the context of the July 2017 Task Force on Quality Education Report, as well as other resolutions and actions related to privatization. 

3. **Public & Charter Schools Fulfilling the Promise of Brown v. Board**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ("NAACP") local units advocate for the adoption of this resolution by local school boards and city councils.

STAFF ACTIONS:
Provided advice to NAACP units, located in communities where there remains a school desegregation order on the federal court docket, to enforce provisions of the court orders, e.g., FL, IN, SC.
Worked with NJ State Conference and NAACP Legal Department to file systemic lawsuit to challenge racial segregation of public schools under New Jersey state law.
Provided training to NAACP units in 5 NAACP Regions at Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institutes (CRATIs) (Alexandria, San Diego, Birmingham, Springfield, IL, Kansas City). This training included use of a key civil rights law, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits schools that receive federal financial assistance, from discriminating based on race or national origin. This law applies in all public schools, even where there has never been a post-Brown school desegregation case. See,e.g.,these tools.
https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-resourcecomp-201410.pdf


Also continued work with Baltimore County NAACP and others to increase racial diversity in predominantly white schools through a Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA)(to promote fair housing) with Baltimore County.
http://nlihc.org/article/baltimore-county-fair-housing-settlement-address-racial-and-economic-segregation

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1. *Calling for an End to Industrial Developments Posing Toxic Environmental Hazards and Contamination in Low Income Communities and Communities of Color*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) petitions the Trump Administration and the United States Congress to reverse the reckless budget cuts made to the Environmental Protection Agency and not only restore, but increase much-needed funding and widen the scope of its oversight/enforcement authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP calls upon President Donald J. Trump, the United States Congress, the Environmental Protection Agency, United States Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Defense, and Agriculture, and any and all pertinent federal and state regulatory and oversight agencies to establish meaningful and viable contingency and compensatory remedies in mitigating damages caused to the properties subjected to toxic environmental annihilation, and also to prioritize the restoration of wellness and livelihood of the impacted populations, such as in East Chicago, IN; Flint, MI; Eight Mile, AL; and other communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP implores President Donald J. Trump, the United States Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency to issue a moratorium on permitting new industrial developments to be located within disadvantaged communities and conduct an extensive investigation and study of environmental hazards posed by existing industrial sites, especially including, but not limited to, those which are already located or are slated to be constructed in and around the areas of former hazardous manufacturing facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP encourages the Environmental Protection Agency to be proactive in identifying toxic areas for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to conduct ongoing toxicological testing of vulnerable communities living in close proximity of superfund sites, who are at high risk of contamination; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP advocates for federal, state and local governments to impose compensatory penalties commensurate with damages caused by industries responsible for malfunctions causing toxic releases as well as negligent, accumulated operational exposures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP urges local zoning authorities, municipalities, state and federal regulatory and permitting agencies, including the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to end the sanctioning of predominate placement of toxic industrial developments in low-income communities and/or communities of color; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP supports environmentally responsible, safe economic developments which do not present noise, air, soil or water toxic contamination exposures to low-income communities and people of color and instead directly benefit vulnerable communities through Community Benefits Agreements to ensure the hiring and entrepreneurial advancement needed to enhance the quality of lives of low-income communities and communities of color.

STAFF ACTIONS:
1. Organized NAACP adult unit representatives (CO, DE, IN, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NJ, OH, OK, PA, VA, WV) and NAACP Youth and College units (AK, IN, LA, MI, OK, MS, NC, OR, TN, VA, WI, and Region VI Youth Works Committee) to testify at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Public Hearing on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan.
2. In continued support of the EPA Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, identified additional declarants to substantiate standing in the case.
3. Supported the Indiana State Conference to Launch the Youth Community Science Project with two schools in East Chicago which learned how to collect air, soil, and water samples, conduct analysis, as well as how to tell their story as emerging journalists.
4. Worked with the Portland, Oregon Branch on drafting a local ordinance which included standards on pollution reduction.
5. Supported multiple Florida State Conference Branches in developing action plans for campaigns to advance local ordinances.
6. Supported the Springfield, IL NAACP which joined the Sierra Club, and the Prairie Rivers Network filed a complaint against CWLP with the Pollution Control Board Wednesday. The complaint states that there have been 623 instances of self-reported groundwater violations at the coal ash site since 2010. These include violations for elevated levels of arsenic, lead, boron, chromium, manganese iron and other pollutants.
7. Supported “The Northampton County, NC NAACP” with background information as they raised concerns regarding coal ash landfills in the area and demanded accountability from local government and the polluting entities, namely Duke Energy.

8. Provided assistance to the Stokes County Branch of the NAACP and the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP as they joined the Southern Environmental Law Center and Appalachian Voices in filing a suit in federal court to stop Duke Energy’s violations of the Clean Water Act at its Belews Creek facility in Stokes County, north of Winston-Salem. Duke Energy’s Clean Water Act violations at the site include dumping its coal ash pollution into the Dan River, Belews Lake, Little Belews Creek and groundwater through its malfunctioning wastewater treatment system, and illegally using the creek as part of its wastewater dump.

9. Worked with the Indiana State Conference and the Michigan City Branch in conducting a Coal Blooded Training in Michigan City, Indiana.

10. Conducted the Kansas City Coal Blooded Training with a group of 20+ participants which resulted in the launch of a Coal Blooded Campaign.


12. Supported unit leadership (IN and NC) and others in preparing for testimony at the US Commission on Civil Rights Hearing which focused on coal ash and its impact on communities. The ECJP provided technical assistance to the Colorado State Conference on taking action on the issue of the EPA failing to regulate sulfur dioxide emissions.

13. Assisted the Delaware NAACP State Conference in working with the City of Wilmington, DE in support of environmental remediation efforts in the neighborhood of Southbridge. The project, for which the City has set aside $14 million, will restore a filled, natural wetland and clean up an area that was contaminated with metals, polychlorinated biphenyls, polyaromatic hydrocarbons and pesticides.

14. Assisted the Missouri State Conference in filing a complaint with the Missouri Administrative Hearing Commission against the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to compel MDNR to cease allowing a major source of air pollutants in North St. Louis, Missouri, from operating under an expired permit. MDNR’s inaction prevented local residents from participating in the regulatory process and commenting on impacts to the air they breathe. A settlement required MDNR to issue the permit.

15. Supported the Jefferson County, West Virginia Branch which attended the public hearing and drafted comments on the Pleasants Coal-Fired Power Plant Transfer.
The branch is also investigating other environmental issues in the Eastern Panhandle, including polluted drinking water, and brownfields locations.

16. Provided guidance to the Hammond, IN Branch which passed a resolution regarding the systemic environmental injustice regarding the East Chicago crisis and the Indianapolis, IN Branch which is working on passing a resolution demanding that the Indianapolis Public School’s water be tested for lead.

17. Supported the Maryland State Conference in partnering with Food and Water Watch to work on the Community Healthy Air Act which is urging the legislature to do an air quality study around Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO). The poultry industry operations on Maryland’s Eastern Shore impact residents in the Wicomico NAACP Branch area.

HEALTH

1. Precision Medicine

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) supports further investment in the field of precision medicine and the advancement of new targeted disease prevention and treatments that will reduce disparities in health care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP urges leaders in the scientific and medical communities to ensure that people of color are fully represented in the genetic research, patient and population information, and environmental and lifestyle data that informs and fuels precision medicine; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP supports the Precision Medicine Initiative and urges federal legislators to champion the Initiative under the new administration; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP exhorts federal, state and local governments to use findings gleaned through precision medicine research and practice to advance public health practice, eliminate health disparities and advance health equity for all Americans.

STAFF ACTIONS:
Thanks to Health Committee Member Dr. Marcella Maxwell, the National health staff will be connected to the chief engagement officer for the All of Us Research Program at the National Institutes of Health and will work to disseminate information about this
2. **Prescription Drugs – Price Gouging – Prohibition**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) stands opposed to the practice of price gouging of generic or off-patent prescription drugs in the United States of America and will work through the local, state and federal legislative process to advocate for the prohibition of such practices and for policies that correct market factors that enable generic drug price spikes, such as policies that correct market distortions and promote competition; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP will urge all of its Units to work to enact legislation similar to the enrolled Maryland bill *SB 415/HB 631 Public Health – Essential Generic Drugs – Price Gouging – Prohibition* that prohibit manufacturers or wholesale distributors from engaging in price gouging in the sale of an essential generic drug and give the state attorney general authority to pursue companies that price gouge generic drugs - to take legal actions that will lead to damages awards, and to seek injunctions to stop unjustified price increases.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
*This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017. Furthermore, the NAACP Washington Bureau has worked with the U.S. Congress and various federal agencies to ensure that price gouging does not occur, especially in the area of prescription drugs.*

3. **Transportation and Medical Access for Chronic Disease Management**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) will advocate for the increase in funding and monitoring of the Medicaid NEMT, which spends $3 billion annually in transportation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NAACP will request review (by state and federal agencies) of the process for transportation and medical access to include culturally appropriate contractors and providers for medical appointment transportation services by NEMT; and

**BE FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP will promote legislation and
regulations that amend the current language for persons receiving Medicaid to include and cover NEMT services for reliable roundtrip transportation for medical appointments.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
The NAACP Washington Bureau has actively advocated for additional federal funding for Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT). Furthermore, we are strong supporters of the Health Equity and Accountability Act, which is intended to bring about parity in health outcomes and health care treatment between racial and ethnic minorities and white Americans.

**4. Promoting Outreach to Increase Awareness of Alzheimer’s Disease**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NAACP recognizes the need for culturally-sensitive and specific support services for seniors in communities of color and others living with Alzheimer’s disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NAACP supports efforts to disseminate information and increase outreach and educational programs to raise awareness and understanding of Alzheimer’s disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NAACP supports legislation at the federal level that requires federal commitment through the Public Health Service Act to include Alzheimer’s disease research, in effect advancing treatments for people with Alzheimer’s disease; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP also supports federal legislation that provides Medicare and Medicaid coverage for clinical diagnosis and appropriate planning for treatment and support.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017.
Furthermore, the NAACP Washington Bureau has worked with the U.S. Congress to ensure that there is sufficient money for research and treatment into Alzheimer’s Disease, as well as sufficient money for Alzheimer’s care as well as for the training and support of their caregivers as well.

**5. Alcohol Taxes as a Public Health Revenue Measure**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) encourages states and the federal government to increase taxes on alcohol in order to decrease underage drinking, reduce and prevent a wide range of negative consequences of alcohol use,
and raise revenues that can be used to support health care and other measures to improve and safeguard the health of the population; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP will work with public health advocates and elected officials to educate political leaders and the general public about the public health benefits of reducing the consumption of alcohol by increasing taxes on the purchase of alcohol in order to safeguard our communities.

STAFF ACTIONS:
This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017.
The Washington Bureau has also advocated for additional funds to be provided for anti-alcoholism programs.
Finally, the 2018 Health luncheon at the annual convention will focus on mental health within the African American community, and the unique factors facing black people who may have substance abuse problems.

6. **Sickle Cell Disease Funding: Treatment, Prevention and Education**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) calls for increased funding of sickle cell programming, to include treatment, prevention, and education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP calls for implementation of programs that endeavor to educate and bring awareness to African American and Latino communities about sickling disorders and hemoglobin-related diseases through health agencies, education forums, community cultural centers, and local and national sickle cell awareness campaigns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP demands that African Americans and other people of color have access to experienced health care providers with knowledge and experience to prevent or manage sickling disorders, from family and community education to testing to preventing complications; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP calls upon Congress to fully fund programming for preventing and/or comprehensively managing sickling and other hemoglobin-related disorders.

STAFF ACTIONS:
The staff, with guidance from the Health Committee, highlighted sickle cell disease and
the need for better screening, treatment, medical coverage, and clinical trial research during the health luncheon at the 2017 National Convention.

7. **Addressing the Shortage of African-American Doctors in the United States**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the NAACP demands that all medical schools, state governors, and Black caucuses of all state legislatures take definitive steps to double by 2025 the percentage of African Americans entering medical school in their respective states. These steps shall include: 1) pipeline programs for junior and senior high schools, 2) pre-medical programs in colleges (all HBCUs and all land grant colleges), and 3) revisions in entrance recruitment, interviewing, testing and scoring to meet culturally-appropriate standards.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
The NAACP Washington Bureau has worked extensively to alleviate much of the student debt that is disproportionately incurred by racial and ethnic minorities who decide to pursue a medical career. Specifically, we have promoted legislative initiatives to increase federal funding for HBCUs and other minority-serving institutions and to increase the eligibility and amount of federal student aid.

8. **Psychotropic Drugging of Children**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will work with advocates to oppose the misdiagnosis and over-prescription of psychotropic drugs for children, including children falling within the authority of Children and Family Services, Child Protective Services, Foster Care, and the Juvenile detention and probation systems; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP urges all governmental jurisdictions (local, state and federal), that fund or support Children and Family Services, Child Protective Services, Foster Care, and the Juvenile detention and probation agencies/systems, to adopt rules and regulations that protect children and youth from misdiagnosis and over-prescription of psychotropic drugs that can result in physical abuse and cause injury or endangerment to a child's health.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
The NAACP has soundly rejected any calls for additional drugs being administered to “children of concern” to stem the rising tragedies associated with school shootings in light of the massacre in Parkland, Florida. The NAACP Washington Bureau has also worked with the relevant House and Senate Committees to ensure that any legislation concerning children in the Foster Care System
or who are under Child Protective Services are not carelessly mis-diagnosed and that they receive accurate, adequate service.

Finally, this resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive national publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017.

9. Protecting Individuals from Electroshock Treatment

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) vehemently opposes any attempt by the FDA to reduce the risk classification of the ECT device, to allow its continuance when there are no clinical trials submitted by the ECT device manufacturers to the FDA proving safety and efficacy, and therefore, as the treatment constitutes "torture" without consent, we support a ban on the use of ECT in the treatment of children and young adults up to the age of 21, and the indiscriminate use on adults.

STAFF ACTIONS:
In April, 2018, the NAACP Washington Bureau, in cooperation with a number of coalition partners, sent a letter to the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) urging the finalization of the proposed ban of electrical stimulation devices (ESDs) used to treat self-injurious or aggressive behavior.
Furthermore, Washington Bureau Director Shelton has met with the Director of the newly-formed Washington Bureau of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, Julia Bascom. They discussed ways our two groups could work together to promote an end to the use of electric shock devices.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. Provision to Allow Electronic Notification of Branch, College Chapter and Youth Elections, Revision Bylaws for Units Article IX, Section 2(g), Section 4(e) and Section 5(e)

Article IX, Section 2(g)
Revised Language
Notice of September, October Meeting and November Election. Each Branch shall send notice to each member in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to the September meeting, listing the time, place, date and purpose of the September and October meetings and time, place and date of the November election. Notices shall be sent via regular and electronic mail to members. The Secretary shall maintain a list of those members to whom a notice was sent and shall secure and maintain all electronic delivery receipts for the notice.

In addition, to this notice, each Branch shall place the announcements of such meetings and election in one or more local newspaper of general circulation at least ten (10) days before the date of the November election. Should a run-off election be necessary that election shall occur on the following date at time certain (at least 1 hour) at this location, run-off elections shall be conducted not less than ten (10) days after the original election.

STAFF ACTIONS:
Staff is working to develop language and update policy manuals for implementation.

Article IX, Section 4(e) College Chapters

Revised Language
Notice of Annual Meeting and the Meeting That Precedes the Annual Meeting. At least seven days prior to the Annual Meeting and the meeting that precedes the Annual Meeting, written notice shall be sent to each member of the College Chapter, in good standing of the date, place, and purpose of said meetings and election. Notices may be sent via electronic mail to members for whom the College Chapter has a valid email address. The Secretary shall maintain a list of those members to whom a notice was sent and shall secure and maintain all electronic delivery receipts for the notice.

Should a run-off election be necessary that election shall occur on the following date at time certain (at least 1 hour) at this location, run-off elections shall be conducted not less than ten (10) after the original election.

STAFF ACTIONS:
Staff is working to develop language and update policy manuals for implementation.

Article IX, Section 5(e)

Revised Language

Notice of Annual Meeting and the Meeting that Precedes the Annual Meeting. At least seven days prior to the Annual Meeting and the meeting that precedes the Annual Meeting, written notice shall be sent to each member of the Youth Council, High School Chapter and Junior Youth Council, in good standing, of the date, place and purpose of said meetings Council, High School Chapter and Junior Youth Council and shall hold office for one year and until their successors
are elected and qualified. Notices may be sent via electronic mail to members for whom the Youth Council, High School Chapter and Junior Youth Council has a valid email address. The Secretary shall maintain a list of those members to whom a notice was sent and shall secure and maintain all electronic delivery receipts for the notice.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
Staff is working to develop language and update policy manuals for implementation.

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**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS/IMMIGRATION**

1. **Congressional Codification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People shall support federal legislation to implement the provisions for Article 1 through 27 of the ICCPR, making the Covenant enforceable in federal and State Courts throughout the United States.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
Through the Washington Bureau’s thorough review and work to codify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), we recognize that even as the United States ratified the ICCPR in 1992, we have noticed that its domestic effect is limited. As such, we are working with the offices of several U.S. Senators to pass legislation to fully implement the laws the provisions of Articles 1 through 27 of the ICCPR. Enactment of these laws will allow full implementation by both federal and state courts throughout the United States.

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**VOTING RIGHTS**

1. **Strengthening the American Democratic Process**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NAACP calls on the Governors, Attorneys General, and Chief Election Officials in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to work with us to put forth strong legislation that promotes voter
registration and participation across all geographic areas and demographic
groups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP calls on the President, Attorney
General, and Congress to increase staffing and funding in the Civil Rights
Division of the U.S. Department of Justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NAACP calls upon President Trump to
disband his task force on so-called “voter fraud” and to replace it with a task force
on reducing voter suppression and increasing voter registration and participation;
and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NAACP will work towards all future
election cycles to empower our units and members to advocate on the local,
state, federal level for laws that expand the vote for all citizens.

STAFF ACTIONS:
This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it
was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017;
ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis
magazine in the Fall of 2017. Through these steps, branches and state conferences
should have their marching orders.
The NAACP Washington Bureau, both independently and in coalition, worked to limit the
scope of the “Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity” and to greatly
limit, if not completely discourage, the cooperation of states with the commission. We
were therefore quite pleased on January 3, 2018, when President Trump announced he
was disbanding the Commission.

Youth Work

1. **Women in NAACP in College Chapters, Revision to Bylaws for Units,
Article VIII, Section 4(e) and Section 5(t)**

**Revised Language**
Standing Committees of College Chapters. The Standing Committees of the
College Chapters shall be: Membership; Finance; Press and Publicity; Programs
and Research; Education; Employment; Political Action; Juvenile Justice; Health;
and WIN.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
Staff is working to develop language and update policy manuals for implementation.
Article VIII, Section 5(t)
Revised Language
Women in the NAACP (WIN). State/State Area Conferences, Branches, Prison Branches and College Chapters of the Association may organize Women in NAACP (WIN) committees subject to the control of the Executive Committee and to such rules and regulations as the Board of Directors may enact. WIN committees shall consist of a Chairperson and/or Co-Chairperson and at least three (3) other members. WIN shall address within the framework of the NAACP, civil rights issues affecting women and children and shall carry out other civil and cultural activities to enhance membership and provide financial support to the Branch. The purpose WIN is (1) to enhance the leadership role of women; (2) to serve as an advocacy vehicle to address the social, economic, political, educational, health and welfare issues affecting women; (3) to advocate for the emotional, mental, physical and spiritual development of children and (4) to support the policies as well as the on-going mission and vision of the NAACP.

STAFF ACTIONS:
Staff is working to develop language and update policy manuals for implementation.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

CIVIL RIGHTS

1. **NAACP Reaffirms Support for Statehood for the District of Columbia**


**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP supports legislation introduced in both the House and the Senate in the 115th Congress, the *Washington, DC*
Admission Act, and calls for the NAACP Washington Bureau to urge Congress to pass this legislation.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
The NAACP Washington Bureau has supported this legislation through letters to both the full House and Senate urging that they co-sponsor and support through enactment the legislation (H.R. 1291 / S. 1278 in the 115th Congress). We also sent letters of endorsement to the prime sponsors (Delegate Norton in the House and Senator Carper, DE, in the Senate). The legislation and a description of the situation has also been included on our list of legislative priorities and an Action Alert has been crafted and distributed.

2. A Call to Reject Participation in the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

**THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED,** that the NAACP firmly believes that the request of state elections officials for detailed voter information by the Advisory Commission on Election Integrity established by President Donald J. Trump is further evidence of an invidious attempt to suppress the right of citizens to vote, and to intimidate youth, minorities, and the elderly, in the exercise their constitutional franchise, while collecting information that could be used to unfairly benefit one candidate over other candidates in a national election; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NAACP decries and rejects this proposal, which violates the sanctity of the right to cast a secret ballot, especially in light of the fact that no plan has even been proposed to secure the information; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NAACP calls for the immediate cessation of the request of this information on the part of this commission and declares that it is ill-founded, unnecessary, and does not increase the right or protection of voters but diminishes them; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP calls upon all units, state conferences, and members not to participate in or cooperate with these efforts to suppress our right to vote and to urge your state and local elected officials to withhold cooperation as well.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017. Through these steps, branches and state conferences should have their marching orders.

The NAACP Washington Bureau, both independently and in coalition, worked to limit the scope of the “Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity” and to greatly limit, if not completely discourage, the cooperation of states with the commission. We
were therefore quite pleased on January 3, 2018, when President Trump announced he was disbanding the Commission.

3. **NAACP Missouri Civil Rights Travel Advisory Recognized**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) through our state and local units shall warn people of the dangers of travel through the State of Missouri and nation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NAACP shall issue a travel advisory to members of protective classes including: people of color, women, seniors, the LGBT community, those with disabilities or those perceived to have disabilities, and religious minorities regarding the dangers of traveling in Missouri; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP calls upon all of its units to share this advisory with their members, coalition partners, and communities.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**

*This resolution received extensive world-wide interest and attention, and as a result the media made numerous inquiries, thereby allowing the NAACP (primarily through our Missouri State Conference President, Nimrod Chapel, and the Director of our Washington Bureau, Mr. Hilary Shelton) to explain the Advisory and the reasons behind it. The NAACP National headquarters also put out a fact sheet on the advisory.*

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

1. **NAACP Opposes Continuing Violence in African American Communities; Urges State and Local Units to Continue to Work Toward Solutions**


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the NAACP reiterates its strong support for legislation to ameliorate the role of racial, ethnic and religious biases in policing including the *End Racial Profiling Act*, which clearly defines the discriminatory practice of profiling by law enforcement at all levels; creates a federal prohibition
against profiling; mandates data collection so we can fully assess the true extent of the problem; provides funding for the retraining of law enforcement officials on how to discontinue and prevent the use of profiling; and holds law enforcement agencies that continue to use profiling accountable; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NAACP also reaffirms its support for the *Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act*, which provides incentives for local police organizations to adopt performance-based standards to minimize incidents of misconduct through appropriate management, training and oversight protocols, and requires proper, thorough investigations when incidents do occur; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NAACP urges all units to continue to promote non-violence and to work to build community awareness and relations between neighborhoods and the law enforcement officers who are charged with their protection and to review and utilize the “Pathways to Police Reform Community Modernization Toolkit”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NAACP calls for a complete overhaul of the special prosecutor system to remove personal or political biases and obstructions of justice; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the NAACP strongly supports the findings and recommendations of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing to make communities safer and to build trust between police and communities. The recommendations call for data collection, body worn cameras and other law enforcement monitoring equipment and practices. They also call for the creation of effective civilian oversight and review mechanisms, as well as the review of the policies that led to the militarization of police forces throughout the country.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
*The Criminal Justice Department worked throughout the year to pursue strong police accountability and transparency measures. This included co-sponsoring a policing town hall in Baltimore, working with national police reform coalitions to pursue policy changes, traveling to areas affected by police violence to support unit actions, and providing training to units about police reform advocacy.*
1. **NAACP Celebrates the Life and Contributions of Eddie N. Williams**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) recognizes and deeply and sincerely appreciates the tremendous impact that Eddie N. Williams had on African American policymakers; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP mourns the passing of Eddie Williams and celebrates his life and his contributions to the lives of all Americans.

**STAFF ACTIONS:**
*This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2017; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2017; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2017.*

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2. **NAACP Open Internet/Net Neutrality Clarification**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the NAACP stands opposed to Discriminatory Prioritization. Simply put: No service should be stuck in a "slow lane" because it does not pay a fee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NAACP stands opposed to Blocking. If a consumer requests access to a website or service, and the content is legal, an ISP should not be permitted to block it; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NAACP stands opposed to Throttling. Nor should ISPs be able to intentionally slow down some content or speed up others — through a process often called “throttling” — based on the type of service or your ISP’s preferences; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP strongly affirms its support for increased transparency. The connection between consumers and ISPs — the so-called “last mile” — is not the only place some sites might get special treatment; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP must urge the FCC to ensure that any rule it considers does not create barriers to entry that prevent people of color, the economically disadvantaged or any Americans from taking advantage of the civic, economic, and creative opportunities enabled by comprehensive broadband internet services.

STAFF ACTIONS:
This resolution and the sentiments expressed within received extensive publicity when it was discussed at our 2017 national convention, as well as through the advocacy work of the Washington Bureau in support of the President and CEO. Full support for a free and open internet and the disparate impact on minority communities has been made clear through our legislative advocacy on Capitol Hill, in addition to several public statements. For example:


http://www.naacp.org/latest/naacp-denounces-fcc-vote-end-net-neutrality/

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. **NAACP Supports People of Puerto Rico in Their Call for Statehood**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) joins the majority of Puerto Ricans and its government in supporting U.S. statehood for the island nation; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP calls on the United States Congress to grant U.S. statehood to Puerto Rico, with all the democratic rights and responsibilities which go along with that status to its population.

STAFF ACTIONS:
The NAACP Washington Bureau continues to work with the government of Puerto Rico as it pursues statehood. For example, we have had a number of meetings with state Senators and we arranged for the Governor of Puerto Rico to address the 109th Annual NAACP Convention in San Antonio, Texas. We have also endorsed H.R. 6246 in the 115th Congress, legislation to enable the admission of the territory of Puerto Rico into the Union as a Stat (introduced by Representative Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon, PR). Finally, the Washington Bureau has worked with representatives of the Puerto Rican government and the National office to establish a branch of the NAACP in Puerto Rico.

2. NAACP Supports Continued Opening of Ties Between the United States and Cuba

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NAACP opposes policy initiatives by President Trump to reverse the progress made by President Obama in opening trade avenues and travel opportunities between the United States and Cuba; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms its commitment to enactment of legislation such as the Cuba Reconciliation Act, H.R. 574 in the 115th Congress, which would: repeal the embargo placed upon all trade with Cuba; repeal the denial of foreign tax credits to Cuba; permit the installation and maintenance of telecommunications equipment and facilities in Cuba; permit travel to and from Cuba by U.S. citizens or residents; and allow the U.S. Postal Service to provide direct mail service to and from Cuba.

STAFF ACTIONS:
The NAACP has crafted and distributed widely an Issue Update which outlines just what President Trump’s Executive Order did and did not do. Furthermore, we stay in close contact with the Cuban representatives to the United States, trying to continue to promote our interests and concerns. Finally, the NAACP Washington Bureau continues to support, endorse, and promote H.R. 574 / S. 1699, legislation to eliminate the American trade and travel bans on Cuba.