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2014 NAACP RESOLUTIONS RESULTS

CIVIL RIGHTS

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| NAACP Denounces U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Schuette v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP continues to denounce the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in <i>Schuette v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action</i>; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will educate local communities, government officials, as well as college and university Boards of Governors, Boards of Trustees, Boards of Regents, and other appropriate officials of the constitutional and crucial benefits of equal opportunity programs such as Affirmative Action; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP encourages all colleges and universities nationwide to redouble their efforts to develop constitutionally permissible race-sensitive admissions policies and to make real, sincere, and effective efforts to include Americans of all races and ethnicities in their student bodies.</p> | This resolution, and the sentiments contained within, received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2014; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2014; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2014. |
| NAACP Official Position on the Use of the Word "Nigger" and the "N" Word | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People shall not condone, award, or engage any person that uses the N-word in any capacity, or in any artistic endeavor that does not allude to the historical context of the word, or that does not highlight the prejudicial nature of the word; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People implement the following actions to reinforce its ban on the use of the N-word issued in 2007 and bolster education and awareness about the offensiveness of the word across racial and generational lines: Make the ban reinforcement a top civil rights priority for all units; and urge every youth unit in consultation with their corresponding adult branch develop a plan of action for implementation. Plan must include internal branch affirmation, public awareness, community outreach and a reporting process. In places where no active youth unit exists, the adult unit would be held to the same said requirement.</p> | This resolution, and the sentiments contained within, received extensive publicity including talk shows and blog posts and when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2014; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2014; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2014. |

COMMEMORATIVE

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| <p>A National Holiday Commemorating Emancipation of the Slaves</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People pursue the observance of a Holiday in recognition of the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this holiday be our established Jubilee Day, January 1st of each year.</p> | <p>This resolution, and the sentiments contained within, received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2014; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2014; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2014.</p> |

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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| <p>Ensuring Adoption of U.S. Department of Education and Department of Justice, Office of Civil Rights, Guidance on School Discipline & Follow up on all cases referred by the schools to Juvenile Courts</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that school systems and Juvenile Courts work to establish Memorandum Of Understanding's that clarify roles and areas of responsibility, processes, scope of work, staffing and leadership, and lines of communication needed to ensure that students are returned to class as soon as possible; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that NAACP advocate for the adoption of the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education policy on school discipline and urge public elementary and secondary schools and Juvenile Courts to take action and return students referred to Juvenile Courts to the classroom as soon as possible.</p> | <p>On July 14, 2015 the NAACP Education Department workshop at the national convention (to be held from 2:30 to 4:30 pm) will include a panel on the school to prison pipeline. This will include a presentation by DOJ Deputy Attorney General Shaheena Ahmad Simons, Civil Rights Division, Education Section, on DOJ's recent joint guidelines, with the U.S. Dept. of Education, on School Climate and Discipline. Her co-panelist, Marsha Ellison, of the Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County NAACP, and Florida State Conference NAACP, will discuss her unit's important agreement with court, school district and other public officials to work together to address the school to prison pipeline.</p> |
| <p>Preventing Wrongful Convictions by Improving Accuracy in Eyewitness Interrogation Techniques and</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP will advocate for states to adopt core procedural reforms to improve the accuracy of eyewitness identification including blind administration of lineups, proper composition of lineups, proper instructions to the witness and taking statements in the witness' own words at the time of the identification; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP advocate for states to electronically record all interrogations in felony cases in their entirety; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP advocate that all states</p> | <p>The NAACP sent a letter to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees requesting support for continued federal funding of innocence and forensic science programs at the Department of</p> |

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| Access to DNA Testing | remove all restrictions to post conviction DNA testing; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP advocate that the federal government promote forensic science research and require scientifically developed standards, and implement uniform standards to ensure that scientific evidence offered in court is valid, comprehensive, and conforms to the limits of science so that criminal justice can be adjudicated objectively, transparently, and accurately. | Justice and the National Institute of Standards and Technology at the Department of Commerce in the final FY 2016 appropriations bill. |
| Examination of Law Enforcement/Peace Officers Bill of Rights for Possible Inconsistencies with the U.S. Constitution | THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all units of the Association obtain for their records a copy of their Law Enforcement/Peace Officers Bill of Rights; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that in the event of a complaint of a civil rights violation, police misconduct, misuse of force, or abuse of force, NAACP units will provide any such Law Enforcement/Peace Officers Bill of Rights to the NAACP so that it may undertake a review to determine if any constitutional violations can be ascertained. | The NAACP Criminal Justice Program Department has been training and engaging branch members on the Born Suspect report and other criminal justice resources via in-person teach-ins and GoTo Webinar since September of 2014. |

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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| NAACP Demands Strong Action to Reduce Unemployment and Underemployment Among African Americans | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP demands the expansion and effective enforcement of successful anti-discrimination programs and agencies such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, and the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion (OMWI) and other such agencies, which oversees diversity in financial regulation; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP supports low wage workers advocating for a living wage and the recognition of their collective bargaining rights where it is shown to reduce both the wage and employment gap; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP supports strong action by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve and policymakers to enact policies that will lead to full employment for African American, Latino, and Native American workers; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP calls for the return of public sector employment at the local, state, and federal level which is a traditional source of well-paid work; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP continues to support and calls on Congress to pass the yet to be enacted components of President Obama’s 2011 American Jobs Act including full funding of the job creation provisions, which would result in an additional 500,000 new public sector jobs and 500,000 new private sector jobs.</p> | <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has continued to promote the American Jobs Act, both in its entirety and in part.</p> <p>The NAACP Economic Department continues to place the issues of African-American unemployment and underemployment in the forefront of its work on racial wealth inequality and in its work with NAACP State Conferences and branches. In addition, the Department has advocated for change in both the government and private sectors through the development and release of the Opportunity and Diversity Report Card for the Healthcare Industry and</p> |

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| | <p>This also includes \$15 billion in a national effort to put construction workers on the job rehabilitating and refurbishing hundreds of thousands of vacant and foreclosed homes and businesses; invest \$25 billion in school infrastructure to modernize at least 35,000 public schools, with the funds targeted at the lowest income districts; and invest \$35 billion to prevent layoffs of up to 280,000 public school teachers, while hiring tens of thousands more teachers and keeping first responders, such as cops and firefighters on the job; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOVED that the NAACP calls on each public education system to graduate every enrolled student to the extent that he/she is ready for gainful employment or further technical or professional study.</p> | <p>the NAACP-Demos report on the retail industry; the support of the Florida NAACP 2015 Economic Development Report Card; and support of the Professional Diversity Network (PDN) virtual/in person career and job fairs held in cities across the country.</p> |
| <p>Increase in Resource Limit and Means Testing for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) to Increase</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP demands that SSI means testing asset limits and resource limits be raised and indexed to inflation in order that the original mandate of the program, making monthly, basic payments to individuals who have low income and few resources and are age 65 or older, blind or disabled; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the NAACP supports the <i>"Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act of 2014"</i>, which updates and indexes to inflation the amount of "earned income" a person can make to \$357 per month (earned income is money received through work); updates and indexes to inflation the amount of "general income" a person can make to \$110 per month (general income is money received through means other than work); updates and indexes to inflation the amount of "resources" a person or an eligible couple can have to \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively (resources is cash or anything considered a liquid asset); repeals the provision-and its subsequent penalty-disallowing financial, food, and housing support from friends and family; and helps the Social Security Administration (SSA) administer SSI in order to streamline the claims process and eliminate mistakes.</p> | <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has written to leadership in the House and Senate opposing proposals to eliminate or reduce concurrent Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits, including the "Social Security Disability Insurance and Unemployment Benefits Double Dip Elimination Act of 2015" (S. 499; H.R. 918) and the "Reducing Overlapping Payments Act of 2015" (S. 343).</p> <p>The Washington Bureau has also written to both the House and the Senate in support of H.R. 2442 / S. 1387, the <i>Supplemental Security Income Restoration Act of 2015</i>.</p> |
| <p>Support of the Fast Food Industry Workers' Movement Fighting to Win a Living Wage & the Right to Form a Union Without Retaliation</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People fully support the movement of fast food workers to win a living wage and the right to form a union without retaliation and will stand with workers, and take necessary action to build a better and more equal future for all workers; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that NAACP units actively join approved coalitions within their jurisdiction in support of the fast food workers movement.</p> | <p>The NAACP has been a strong supporter of H.R. 1010 / S. 2223 in the 113th Congress and H.R. 2150 / S. 1150 in the 114th Congress, all of which would increase the minimum wage for all workers including tipped workers.</p> |

EDUCATION

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| <p>Calling for a Trauma-Informed Education</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People calls for a trauma-informed education system across the nation; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each local Unit of the NAACP is encouraged to study the issue and to consider how it can directly call upon local, state and federal legislators to enact reforms that create trauma-informed education systems; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local Units consider how they might wage a vigorous effort to inform their communities concerning the extent of and causes of trauma in children as well as how trauma impacts school performance; and to seek out and work with other organizations that understand the issue; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all NAACP Units will stand united in challenging the entire education system including colleges and universities that prepare educators, to address the need for a universal, trauma-informed education system across the nation.</p> | <p>We have asked the NAACP Public Policy Interns to conduct research to help us understand, among other things, the range of definitions and understandings of the concept, "trauma-informed education," and what each State is doing, if anything, regarding the subject and the nature of that work. Practically, what are the indicators of the need for Trauma Informed Education in Public School Systems? When NAACP units seek to demonstrate the need for Trauma Informed Education in their districts, how do they build a case to convince the district and where do they obtain the necessary data or other evidence? These are examples of the myriad of questions, conceptual, practical and strategic, the Public Policy interns will help us address.</p> <p>The PA State Conference Education Chair has met with some legislators to begin a conversation about factors that might be incorporated into a state education funding formula, factors that could conceivably begin to help facilitate the kinds of acknowledgment and interventions in school systems that underlies this resolution.</p> |
| <p>Calls on NCAA & Congress to Grant Collective Bargaining Rights to Student Athletes</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP calls upon the full National Labor Relations Board to adopt the ruling of its Chicago regional director with respect to the unionization of college athletes; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP demand that the NCAA revise its policies to require that colleges and universities provide scholarships to allow student-athletes that fully cover their education and living expenses until they receive a conferred degree from the sponsoring educational institution; and,</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP call upon the Congress of the United States and the legislatures of the several states to enact appropriate legislation to that end.</p> | <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has expressed our Association's support for H.R. 2731, which was introduced in the US House of Representatives on June 11, 2015, which would provide increased accountability of nonprofit athletic associations and to establish a commission to identify and examine issues of national concern related to the conduct of intercollegiate athletics,</p> |

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| <p>School Privatization Threat to Public Education</p> | <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People opposes the privatization of public schools and/or public subsidizing or funding of for-profit or charter schools; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will continue to advocate against any state or Federal legislation which commits or diverts public funding, allows tax breaks, or establishes preferential advantages to for-profit, private and/or charter schools; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP calls for full funding and support of high quality free public education for all children.</p> | <p>As Congress works, in 2015, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Washington Bureau has worked hard in opposition to vouchers, tax credits for private schools, and “portability,” whereby Title I monies follow the student if he or she moves to either another public school or a private or parochial school.</p> <p>Outside the ESEA Reauthorization work, the Association has continued its work in opposition to privatization, e.g., the Resolutions Committee passed a resolution in May affirming our prior resolutions opposing privatization, and including our opposition to tax credits to support private schools; that resolution is before the delegates to this convention; the FL State Conference joined with others in suing the State to challenge a tax credit plan; unfortunately, the trial court dismissed the State Conference for lack of "standing" (the right to bring a particular claim before the Court); the NJ State Conference, in a recent meeting with the Governor and others, including a private voucher proponent, reiterated our opposition to vouchers.</p> |
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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

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| <p>Promoting Equitable Access to Clean Energy Alternatives</p> | <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) will continue to support the deployment of clean energy sources, especially solar located within local communities, and wind power; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will continue to support programs and policies that ensure affordable access to clean energy options for all; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP advocates for equitable and sustainable job training and job opportunities to low- to moderate-income African American residents within communities of color; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that utility companies be required to connect to the local producers that they distribute energy to, so that they can buy back at the same rate; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP will transmit this Resolution to state legislatures and public utility commissions that are considering renewable energy cost allocation policies.</p> | <p>This resolution was modified by the Board of Directors in February 2015.</p> <p>Since then, 4 states (including Maryland and South Carolina) have done press conferences releasing their Just Energy Policies Reports, and (South Carolina also hosted an Energy Justice Roundtable, 10 states (including Colorado, Indiana, Mississippi, West Virginia, Maryland, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Missouri) have engaged in active campaigns on supporting and advancing clean energy, and 5 state legislatures have received a copy of the resolution.</p> <p>The ECJP has spoken at 22 events, including a recent event with solar advocates, all with the message around advancing economic opportunities in</p> |

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| | | <p>the solar industry for low income communities and African American communities.</p> <p>Furthermore, we are methodically working with other states to assist them in sharing the resolution with their legislatures as well as their PUCs/PSCs.</p> |
| Safe Disposal of Electronic Waste Domestically and Internationally | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People requests that President Obama, Secretary of State Kerry, and Congress take steps to secure the United States' ratification and compliance with the Basel Convention in its entirety and adopt and implement both the domestic and international electronic waste disposal recommendations set out in the National Strategy for Electronics Stewardship.</p> | <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has written to Congressional leadership urging ratification of the Basil convention, as well as compliance with the electronic waste disposal recommendations set out in the National Strategy for Electronics Stewardship.</p> |

HEALTH

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| Dyslexia | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it is imperative and appropriate that the NAACP join the fight to raise awareness, support legislation, and the need for more appropriate accommodations for children of color to ensure that all African American children receive screening, tutoring and proper remediation services in school to combat this Civil Rights Issue of Our Time!</p> | <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has expressed support on behalf of the Association for H. Res. 82, which calls on schools and State and local educational agencies to recognize that dyslexia has significant educational implications that must be addressed.</p> |
| Non-profit to For-profit Hospital Status | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NAACP units become involved in proposed not-for-profit to for-profit transitions to for profit entities in their state and town to assure no diminution in benefits; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAACP units should advocate for full participatory status in proposed transactions of not-for profit to for-profit hospitals and systems to protect the core access and availability of services; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP calls for the funds resulting from the sale/transfer of a not-for-profit health/hospital entity to a for-profit entity, shall fund a non-profit foundation whose mission shall prominently include providing support and services to the African American and underserved people in the jurisdiction of the local units.</p> | <p>On April 27, 2015, the NAACP Economic Department released “The Opportunity & Diversity Report Card: The Healthcare Industry” on corporate diversity and inclusion. This report was widely distributed to NAACP units as well as the general public. The report card graded the six largest healthcare systems and highlights key areas where the industry can improve to ensure their workforce, leadership and suppliers adequately reflect the demographics of the U.S.</p> |

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| <p>The NAACP Reiterates and Reaffirms Support for the Affordable Care Act- Education and Enrollment Initiatives</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP strongly advocated for and supports the full implementation and education of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP actively engage with ACA navigators and certified application counselors at the state and local level from October 2014 to February 2015 to educate and enroll members of their respective communities; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP engage with their respective Department of Health & Human Services Regional Office and public health agencies to host education sessions, panel discussions, town hall meetings and other community events to educate community members on the benefits and importance of the ACA; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NAACP units continue to work in the states that did not expand Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicaid, and/or set up a market place to take immediate action (with visits to state legislators and governor offices, press conferences, public forums and other promotional initiatives with assistance from our Washington Bureau and National Office) to advocate for the expansion of Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid, and to set up a marketplace.</p> | <p>The NAACP wrote to Congressional leadership in October, 2014, urging that the lame-duck Congress extend CHIP for 4 years. In March, 2015, we wrote again to Congressional leadership urging the continuation of several Sustainable Growth Rate related health extender programs that benefit low-income seniors and families, along with a four year extension of funding for CHIP.</p> |
| <p>The NAACP Supports Equity Focused Work in the Built Environment</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP will continue to advocate for the adoption of Shared and Joint Use Agreements, Complete Street Policies, Active Transportation Policies, equitable flood protection funding policies, equitable water supply policies, and equitable energy network policies, that enhance the built environment in communities of color; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the NAACP support equitable opportunities and efforts in communities of color that reduce disparities and increase opportunities in the built environment Which effect where families live, work, and play.</p> | <p>Throughout 2014 and into 2015, the NAACP continued its efforts to promote greater equity in the built environment in communities of color. In 2014 the NAACP established the National Active Transportation Diversity Task Force, created a task force resource page, held the webinar "Making Equity Count in the Built Environment," held engagement calls with unit presidents and health chairs, and released an Equity Asset Map. In 2015 the NAACP has provided support to the Mississippi State Conference to continue its efforts promoting the adoption of joint use agreements between schools, community centers, and other recreational facilities and their respective municipalities for general use of space by local residents, primarily to provide safe spaces for children to be physically active outside of school hours.</p> |

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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| <p>NAACP Opposes Discriminatory, Anti-Human Rights Laws Across the Globe</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP in support of the international declaration of Human Rights calls on all countries to repeal draconian Anti-LGBT laws, and to protect all citizens of their country from all forms of discrimination and abuse; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP pledges to work with foreign governments to ensure the full exercise of all human rights for all people, regardless of their race, place of national origin, gender, age, or sexual orientation or gender expression.</p> | <p>Working with the NAACP State Conferences in Indiana and Arkansas, the NAACP Washington Bureau helped them craft their opposition to the so-called “Religious Freedom” laws, which allowed businesses to refuse services to individuals based on their sexual orientation.</p> |

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

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| <p>Increasing Labor Rates for Prisoners to Minimum Wage</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will advocate for an increase in labor rates to at least minimum wage for working prisoners; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP will urge all of its Units to connect with prison advocate groups, meet with their state and national legislatures, congressmen/women and encourage them to legislate for changing the prisoner labor rates to minimum wage.</p> | <p>The NAACP Economic Department has yet to engage in work on this issue—will add this to our upcoming work with NAACP State Conferences and branches.</p> |

LEGISLATIVE

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| <p>NAACP Opposes Cuts in Food Stamps, Limits on Eligibility</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP strongly reaffirms its support for a robust Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that meets the needs of Americans, as expressed in our 1976 and 1995 resolutions; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP Washington Bureau shall continue to argue in favor of restoring critical funding to the SNAP program as well as in continued opposition to onerous requirements which may have a disparate impact on American families struggling to get through hard times.</p> | <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau employed numerous tactics, including letters, phone calls, and meetings with key Senators and Representatives to make known our strong opposition to cuts in the SNAP program, as well as restrictions on eligibility based on past criminal records and any requirement that states perform drug tests on food stamp recipients.</p> |
| <p>NAACP Support New Revenues to Help the Federal Government Fund Social Safety Net Programs</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP would support legislation that generates a new revenue source that imposes a small, per-trade levy on financial transactions; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that before any new legislation is fully supported by the NAACP, it must be guaranteed that low- and moderate- income Americans will not be adversely affected; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that any new revenues generated by the above referenced legislation must be used to ensure the strength and continued viability of federal health, education, housing, small business development, child care, job training, job creation, and other crucial social programs to help less fortunate Americans.</p> | <p>The NAACP supported the Humphrey-Hawkins 21st Century Full Employment and Training Act in both the 113th and 114th Congresses, which called for a small per-trade levy on financial transactions the proceeds of which will be used to fund federal job creation and job training programs.</p> |

VOTING RIGHTS

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| <p>NAACP Reaffirms its Support for Greater Transparency and Integrity in Elections</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirm its 2012 call to all units to support local, state, and federal legislation including H.R. 20/S. 2023 efforts that would encourage public financing of campaigns so as to increase the public's confidence in the integrity of the nation's elections; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP will continue to work to educate units and the communities they serve on the impact of special interest money in elections through education efforts that enable units to better understand the long term impact of special interest money on elections and thereby, minority voters' ability to fully participate in the democratic process.</p> | <p>The NAACP strongly supported legislation in both the 113th and 114th Congresses in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to encourage public financing of campaigns.</p> <p>Last April, just hours after the Supreme Court declared aggregate campaign contribution limits unconstitutional, opening the floodgates to even more corrupting corporate money in politics, the NAACP held rallies across the country to express outrage and unity.</p> <p>At a rally on the steps of the Supreme Court, Jotaka Eaddy, Senior Advisor to the President and CEO & Senior Director of Voting Rights exclaimed “Organized people always beats organized money” she spoke about the continued attack on our democracy and the need to organize to shift the political narrative.</p> <p>Overall about 130 rallies across the country gave concerned citizens, including NAACP members, a change to speak about the McCutcheon Supreme Court decision.</p> |

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

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| <p>NAACP Condemns the Use of the Excessive Force Tactics that Led to the Death of Eric Garner</p> | <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP condemn the use of the excessive force tactics that led to the death of Eric Garner; and often has lead to the deaths of other persons of color throughout the United States; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will use all tools available in its advocacy arsenal including working with its local branches, state conferences,</p> | <p>The NAACP has redoubled its efforts to combat excessive use of force by law enforcement, beginning with the enactment of the Death In Custody Reporting Act, in December, 2014, which will require states and local jurisdictions to provide disaggregated data every time a civilian is killed while in police custody. We celebrate this new law because, as the old adage says, “in order to address a</p> |

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| | <p>Legal Department and Washington Bureau to bring about justice in cases involving killings of unarmed Persons of Color by law enforcement officials in the United States of America; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will advocate that the Justice Department aggressively prosecute police officers involved with the killing of unarmed People of Color, and request that they work toward the prevention of killings by the police of innocent Men and Women of Color; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP calls for enactment of the federal Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act, which mandates training and accountability of law enforcement officials in the unlawful use of deadly force.</p> | <p>problem, you must first measure it.” We have also strongly advocated for enactment of the <i>End Racial Profiling Act</i> at both the state and federal levels; for additional federal funds for and civil right safeguard around for video surveillance (including body cams, gun cams, taser cams, and dash cams) equipment of law enforcement activities; enactment of standardized use-of-force guidelines as outlined in the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act; effective, independent Civilian Accountability Review Boards; and additional funding for the Department of Justice COPS program, which provides grants to local law enforcement agencies to enhance training of their officers.</p> |
| <p>NAACP Denounces Public Utility Shut Offs</p> | <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) calls upon utility services to create policies and programs that prevent low income and/or senior residents from having their utility services terminated or interrupted due to an inability to pay because of their financial conditions.</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that in creating these policies the utility service should be consistent with the United Nations Resolution on Water and Sanitation.</p> | <p>This resolution, and the sentiments contained within, received extensive publicity when it was distributed to national and local news service outlets throughout the country when it was passed at the National Convention in July 2014. Upon being ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2014 it was further published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2014.</p> |
| <p>NAACP Support our Nation's Veterans</p> | <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP calls on Congress and the Administration to provide adequate funding, direction, and leadership to address the myriad of physical and mental health challenges faced by our Veterans of all ages; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP, working through its Veterans Affairs Task Force, shall continue to monitor the efforts of the Veterans Administration to adequately serve all Veterans, throughout our Nation; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP Veterans Affairs Task Force will continue to work with state conferences and branches to refer Veterans to local services.</p> | <p>The NAACP Veterans Affairs Task Force has been in regular contact with the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish means of utilizing the grassroots structure of the NAACP to better inform and educate Veterans of their benefits and how to access them.</p> |