Resolution Submission Form – Iowans For D.C. Statehood

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WHEREAS, the United States Constitution that was ratified in 1788, provided the right to vote for representation in Congress to the "People living" in the several states of the United States, and included citizens of the several States as well as those living on the land that would later be designated by the federal government for the nation's capital as ceded by Maryland and Virginia to become the District of Columbia; however, through the enactment of the "District of Columbia Organic Act of 1801" DC residents were disenfranchised from voting for representative Members of Congress for more than 200 years; and,

WHEREAS, District of Columbia residents pay among the highest per capita federal taxes in the nation and more than 200,000 residents have served in the federal armed services, and yet DC residents have no vote in the United States Congress; and,

WHEREAS, no other nation in the world denies the right of self-government, including participation in its national legislature, to the residents of its capital; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia lack full democracy, equality, and citizenship enjoyed by the residents of the 50 states; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of the District of Columbia continue to express their determination to achieve full representation through statehood by electing two United States Senators and a United States Representative; and,

WHEREAS, although the District of Columbia timely passed a balanced budget for each of the last 19 years, the District of Columbia has faced the possibility of being shut-down each year because of Congressional deliberations over the federal budget and the imposition of riders opposed by the District of Columbia; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia have endorsed Statehood for the District of Columbia, and passed a District-wide referendum on budget autonomy; and,

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2017, D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton introduced in the 115th Congress **H.R. 1291**, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act, that would shrink the District of Columbia as the Seat of Government of the United States to the Federal monumental core of the present District and admit the residential and commercial parts of the present District as the 51st State. The bill was introduced with 116 cosponsors, a record number, and currently has 140; and,

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2017, Sen. Thomas Carper (D-DE) introduced in the Senate, with 18 cosponsors, S. 1278, A bill to provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ Party in _____ (Precinct). _____ (County) endorse and encourage citizens and their members of Congress to support Statehood and full democracy for the District of Columbia that will guarantee to the residents of the District of Columbia full Congressional voting representation, budget autonomy, and all of the rights that the people of the 50 United States enjoy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; we ask all Iowa members of the U.S. House and U.S. Senate to cosponsor the bills currently in the United States House (H.R. 1291) and Senate (S. 1278).