

Oconee County Democratic Party
Guidelines for Writing a Resolution
2024

Resolutions must be submitted in a typical legislative type format with three sections: Title, Whereas statements, Resolution statements.

Add name of precinct after Oconee on the form.

Title: The title should state the topic of the resolution. Please be succinct, but make clear the specific issue the resolution covers.

Whereas statements: These statements tell why the resolution is needed. Most make an emotional appeal. The form has space for two whereas statements, but you can add more.

Resolution statements:

- Begin with “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED” and write who is taking the action and what the resolution is actually stating.
- Resolutions specific to the South Carolina Democratic Party should state, “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South Carolina Democratic Party....”.
- Resolutions specific to Oconee County should state: “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Oconee County Democratic Party...”
- The clauses can state what we are committed to, what we support, a condemnation and/or a specific action(s).
- Clauses after the first should start with “THEREFORE BE IT **FURTHER** RESOLVED”.

Note: Do not write a resolution that is already included in the National Democratic Party Platform or SCDP Resolutions already passed. (See Instructions sheet.)

Sample Resolution – South Carolina

COUNTY CONVENTION RESOLUTION

Oconee County

Resolution Title: Stop Far-Right Violence and Terrorism

Whereas: Top US Law Enforcement have identified Far-right extremist movements as the greatest domestic terrorism threat, as evidenced by the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers violent participation in the 1/6/21 insurrection at the US Capitol.

Whereas: The National Institute of Justice research concludes that militant, nationalistic, and white supremacist violent extremism has increased in the US, and the number of far-right attacks far outpaces all other types of terrorist and domestic violent extremism.

Whereas: Terrorist attacks by Far-Right Extremists have occurred in South Carolina including the 2015 mass murder at Mother Emanuel AMC Church by white-supremacist Dylann Roof, as well as attacks on law enforcement by far-right anti-government extremists such as the Sovereign Citizens.

Therefore, be it resolved: That the South Carolina Democratic Party condemns far-right extremist groups and violent extremism of all types.

Be it further resolved that: The SCDP supports local, state, and federal law enforcement's efforts address the rising threat of far-right violence and to bring perpetrators to justice.

Be it further resolved that: The SCDP calls on the SC State Legislature to pass a Hate Crime Bill.

Be it further resolved that: The SCDP denounces those who excuse white perpetrators of far-right violence and terrorism as "crazy people" while failing to address this rising threat.

Sample resolution for Oconee County Democratic Party:

Precinct: Seneca 4

Title: Opposition to Internet/Cable Access and Monopolies

Whereas: High Speed Internet Access should be available to everyone, even in rural Oconee County, South Carolina.

Whereas: Many Oconee County citizens cannot get internet access in their homes. **Therefore, be it resolved that** the Oconee County Democratic Party supports ending Northland Cable and other provider monopolies on local wired internet service and supports additional cable, internet and TV options be introduced throughout the county.