

Disabilities Civil Rights

Whereas, All people in the U. S. should be able to participate in all avenues of life; and

Whereas, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which requires the federal government to provide 40% of the extra cost of educating students with special needs, is under-funded; and

Whereas, Rulings by Republican-appointed judges have weakened the original intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

Whereas, Additional funding is needed by the civil rights divisions of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and of the Departments of Justice, Education and Health and Human Services to enforce the rights of people with disabilities; therefore be it

Resolved, That the U.S. government pass and fully fund pending and proposed legislation which supports individuals with disabilities, including:

- * The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
- * The Rehabilitation Act which provides job training for people with disabilities;
- * The Blind Empowerment Act of 2001 which increases disability insurance for blind individuals; and
- * The National Health Insurance Act which would provide affordable, comprehensive health care to all individuals with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the U.S. government allocate adequate resources to enforce the civil rights of persons with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That the President nominate judges who promote equal rights for all, and who generously interpret the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Submitted to and Adopted by Precinct Number _____, _____ County

Precinct Convention Secretary (signature) _____ on _____ (date)

Submitted to and Adopted by State Sen. District _____, _____ County

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