



National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution #2

Supporting Protection of Voting Rights by Passage of H.R.1/S.1

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing unprecedented attacks on voting rights in 47 states in which legislators have introduced over 360 bills to reduce early voting access, stymie mail-in or no-excuse absentee ballots, block ballot drop boxes, purge voter lists, restrict automatic registration, and hamper nearly every aspect of the electoral process which expanded enfranchisement during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, minorities, women, young people, and disadvantaged populations are being denied access in a concerted plot to severely limit polling locations, create onerous I.D. rules, and discourage participation in elections, even denying the distribution of water to those standing in voting lines for hours; furthermore, these aggressive state campaigns against free and fair elections, falsely purporting to ensure election integrity, are supported and funded by dark money; and

WHEREAS, basing their argument on the Big Lie that the 2020 Presidential election was stolen, Republicans in the House did not support expansion of voting rights this spring when House Democrats passed H.R.1, The For the People Act, and Senate Republicans vow not to vote for S.1 while also ignoring the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which would restore access guaranteed in the 1965 Voting Rights Act eroded by a Supreme Court ruling in 2013.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Federation of Democratic Women calls for the Senate to pass H.R.1/S.1 to establish federal regulations that prevent voter suppression in the states. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NFDW demands Congress also pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to restore and strengthen our democracy.

Resolution Submitted by the NFDW Resolutions Committee

Adopted by the NFDW Members at the 50th National Convention on June 12, 2021