

**Resolution of the NC NAACP to the National NAACP Board
To Assist in Developing an International Economic Boycott of
North Carolina until it Repeals Certain Laws.**

Whereas for the past 11 years the NC NAACP employed peaceful, intergenerational moral fusion strategies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rev. John Lewis, Ella Baker, Medgar Evers, Rabbi Heshel, Bayard Rustin, Rosa Parks and thousands of diverse ministers, rabbis, imams, ethicists, other clergy, laypeople of faith, and even people not of faith who were committed to the moral necessity of dismantling the systems of racism and poverty in the American South;

And Whereas for the past four years, an all-white extremist political caucus, elected because of racially gerrymandered districts, in control of the North Carolina General Assembly would meet in secret, and because of its super-majority numbers, make the final decision for a deeply divided North Carolina;

And Whereas this caucus passed a voter suppression bill found to be intentionally racist by the U.S. Court of Appeals in the summer of 2016;

And Whereas this caucus met in secret and drew racially gerrymandered legislative districts found to be racially discriminatory by U.S. Courts in the fall of 2016;

And Whereas this caucus met in secret and designed an HB2 law that brazenly discriminated against a highly vulnerable group in the LGBTQ community, transgender people;

And Whereas HB-2 also stripped the right of many vulnerable people to sue in state courts to uphold their rights to sue against employment and other acts of discrimination against them

because of their age, their U.S. armed service veteran, their gender, their appearance as a Latino, Asian, African, Native American, their religion, and their disability;

And Whereas HB-2 also stripped local governments' ability to experiment with local ordinances to address economic and social problems on a local scale, such as livable wages, minority contracts set asides, etc.

And Whereas the NC NAACP followed the NAACP protocol of peaceful protests by requesting meetings with the all-white political caucus leaders, to be met by scorn and arrests;

And Whereas the NC NAACP organized around public policy, popular education, moral regeneration, peaceful civil disobedience, constitutional litigation, mass movement building and other peaceful tactics for the advancement of oppressed *minorities* which, by definition, lose elections without allies;

And Whereas the NC NAACP's creative sustained Moral Monday campaign has been credited by many observers with exposing and then stopping the white caucus campaign to ruin North Carolina's national reputation as a tolerant place with good schools, beautiful weather, recreation, and vacation sites, and a welcoming home for creative people who want to move their businesses, conferences, families, performances, and athletic events here;

And Whereas gerrymandered districts led directly to all-white political caucuses, thus creating a self-perpetuating threat to our republic that has striking parallels to South Africa's apartheid system;

And Whereas the gerrymandered apartheid districts were ordered to be redrawn by the white caucus that has absolute power,

and the White political Caucus has not called one map-drawing session since the Court ordered it to act, and instead used a special session and secret meetings to devise and pass more unconstitutional laws to strip rights and powers of the Governor and Supreme Court Justice who had just been elected;

And Whereas the NC NAACP, having exhausted every possible peaceful means to address its fundamental grievances, convened its Executive Committee to pass a resolution to bring this matter to the National Board to ask for help in developing a National Boycott Campaign;

And Whereas on January 21, 2017, the NC NAACP Executive Committee voted unanimously, to make this request to the National Board;

Now Therefore the National Board of NAACP receives the resolution and request from our North Carolina State Conference of Branches and begins a process of dialogue with the NC State Conference to form a joint task force on a North Carolina Boycott, with a report at our next National Board meeting in May, 2017;

And while exploring the most effective methodologies to engage and escalate a boycott in North Carolina that would include business and other forms of divestments, we today announce as a first step that we as an association will not bring our national convention to North Carolina while these abuses continue, and invite our human rights, anti-racism, moral centers including higher education and religious conferences, and all athletic, musical, and other forms of artistry to consider following our lead and joining our efforts.

The National Board of the NAACP will explore such a North Carolina Boycott along with the NC State Conference until the NC legislature passes bills that accomplish the following (or until such results are achieved through the courts):

- a. Undo racially gerrymandered districts and create fair election districts;
- b. repeal the entire HB-2 law;
- c. repeal SB-4 law passed in a special session called for another reason that stripped trained civil servants in County and State Election Boards from supervising elections;
- d. repeal the requirement that litigants to appeal to the *en banc* Court of Appeals before they can file an appeal to the NC Supreme Court;
- e. repeal legislation that stripped the current Governor of powers his predecessor enjoyed.

And Be It Further Resolved that the National NAACP and the North Carolina NAACP will engage in joint media and public education campaign regarding this decision.

And be it Finally Resolved that in light of the adoption by other states of similar laws that reflect racial gerrymandering, discriminatory voter identification laws and similar types of laws to redistribute political power to the detriment of racial and ethnic minorities or change the nature of the electorate, the National NAACP will engage in applying various forms of economic sanctions or other appropriate economic or direct action to address these types of discriminatory legislative or executive actions around the nation.