

STATUS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN 2011

CIVIL RIGHTS

1. "Urging Congress to Establish a National Monument Honoring the Trans-Atlantic Slave Holocaust"

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP calls upon the United States Congress to afford the opportunity for historical recognition and memorialization for African enslaved ancestry; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP urges Congress to construct a National Monument on the National Mall dedicated to the memory of the victims of the Trans-Atlantic African American Slave Trade Holocaust; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP petitions Congress to establish the monument to serve as a testament to the legacy and memory of African people captured and kidnapped from their homeland and brought to this country to live a tortured and terrorized life in slavery. This monument will serve as an official reminder for generations to come.</p>	<p>The Washington Bureau has discussed the proposed project with the new curator of the Smithsonian African American museum (which is currently under construction). Specifically, we have not proposed that it be contained within the museum but as a separate entity. We have also had some preliminary discussion with members of the Congressional Black Caucus and the academic community.</p>

2. "National Civil Rights Hall of Fame"

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP shall establish a Blue Ribbon Committee to develop plans for the establishment of a National Civil Rights Hall of Fame dedicated to honoring civil rights workers and figures who have distinguished themselves in the Civil Rights arena.</p>	<p>A copy of this resolution was forwarded to the Office of the Chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors.</p>

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP will conduct a survey to identify community- based programs focused on youth leadership and development; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will coordinate with professional organizations that foster and develop hard skills and conscience raising; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will leverage and work with technology leaders to utilize social media tools that will educate and interact with our emerging and developing leaders; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP units are encouraged to collaborate and partner with community groups and businesses to identify and place youth and young adult members in internships, as well as seek opportunities for the development of young professionals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAACPConnect uses the top social media tools/networks (Facebook, Twitter, TUmblr, Instagram, Google+, etc.) to unite ACT-SO competitors, and current members of the Youth & College Division, along with their respective alumni. Additionally, young professionals of color are included in the content and outreach of NAACPConnect. These young leaders share best practices, blogs, photos and personal stories in the network. • NAACPConnect identifies the nation's best thought leaders of color and engages them in live, interactive video chats with NAACPConnect's audience. Hundreds of people participate in the video chats. • NAACPConnect hosted its first Virtual Career Fair. 60,000 young professionals of color registered and participated in this endeavor to be placed in internships and/or permanent employment in top companies across the nation. • NAACPConnect collaborates with member and partner organizations through The NAACPConnect Digital Collective. A group of young, progressive NAACP members who regularly contribute thought provoking content in NAACP issue areas to the site.

COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA

1. To Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the NAACP Youth & College Division"

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirm its commitment to the Youth & College Division by continuing its support to train and uplift youth leadership in the Association; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP proudly congratulates the NAACP Youth and College Division on its 75 years of activism and leadership.</p>	<p>To honor the 75th Anniversary of the Youth & College Division, the NAACP initiated an integrated public awareness campaign in 2011. We worked with a number of publications, including the Root, Politic 365 and AOL Black voices to commemorate the milestone with various stories. The NAACP New Media department initiated a series of video shout-outs for the Youth and College division. Well known Y&C alumni like Jeff Johnson and TSoul, as well as famous supporters—including Amber Riley from the hit show <i>Glee</i>—submitted video birthday wishes to Youth and College gained popularity on YouTube. In addition, NAACPConnect hosted a popular photo series of Youth and College through the years in honor of the milestone</p>

1. “ A call for Smart and Safe Policing Strategies and an End to Racially Disparate Stop and Frisk Policing by Law Enforcement”

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms the following previous resolutions against police misconduct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1978 -Prosecution of Police and Correction Officers for Criminal Acts • 1978 – Police Brutality • 1979 – Police Brutality • 1980 – Indiscriminate Use of Firearms by Police • 1983 – Use of Chokeholds By Police • 1983 – Police Brutality • 1987 – Police Brutality • 1991 – Police Brutality • 1992 – Police Brutality • 1996 – Excessive Force by Law Enforcement Officers and Police Departments • 2007 – Establish Model Standards, Policies and Training to Prevent Police Misconduct and Excessive Use of Force; and <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP calls on all units to advocate for community policing and evidenced based policing practices to combat crime, while putting an end to racially disparate “stop and frisk” policing that often result in longstanding humiliation and stigma of young people throughout America.</p>	<p>The Criminal Justice Program has launched a renewed Campaign to End Racial Profiling – in the aftermath of the Trayvone Martin shooting. A massive march and mobilization was held on June 17, 2012 to launch this campaign. State and national strategy to end racial profiling is being developed.</p> <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has also actively, almost doggedly, promoted <i>the End Racial Profiling Act</i>, which comprehensively addresses the insidious practice of racial profiling by law enforcement on five levels: first, it clearly defines the racially discriminatory practice of racial profiling by law enforcement at all levels; second, it creates a federal prohibition against racial profiling; thirdly, it mandates data collection so we can fully assess the true extent of the problem; fourth, it provides funding for the retraining of law enforcement officials on how to discontinue and prevent the use of racial profiling; and fifth, it holds law enforcement agencies that continue to use racial profiling accountable.</p>

2. “Girls and Women in the Criminal Justice System”

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP work with federal, state and local governments to generate gender-responsive strategies in addressing the intersecting problems that contribute to women’s incarceration, through site and staff selection and the development of policy programs, content, and material that responds to the realities of women’s lives, including social and cultural factors that lead them into the criminal justice system; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP work to support, and advocate for diversion programs that: 1) offer treatment and rehabilitation (versus incarceration) for women who have suffered physical and sexual abuse, as well as for those who may have drug dependency issues, 2) address women’s specific needs relating to child care, job training, educational assistance, and other economic burdens women may face; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will work to ensure that girls in the juvenile justice system are provided with programs and services that are specific to their needs; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP work to enact evidence-based policies and practices that provide women and girls – inside correctional facilities and upon release – with adequate treatment and assistance programs that have been proven to work in dealing with the mental and physical trauma of physical, sexual, psychological, and drug related abuse; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP support the just treatment of those under supervision of the criminal justice system, regardless of race or gender; and require that abusive body search, rape and other brutal actions by guards be eliminated and the abusers terminated as well as prosecuted. themselves in the Civil Rights arena.</p>	<p>The NAACP, working independently and in coalition, has promoted policies in support of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. These important programs help at-risk youth and support programs intended to rehabilitate, not incarcerate, youth offenders.</p>

3. “Upholding Civil and Human Rights in the Implementation of National Security Policies “

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirm its commitment to the protection and expansion of civil and human rights for ALL communities of color; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will continue to work together in coalition with other communities of color, advocacy groups, community leaders, national leaders, law enforcement and government officials to</p>	<p>The Criminal Justice Program has worked with coalition partners to combat policies that are being pushed in the name of “national security” but are in reality a violation of the civil and human rights of communities of color.</p> <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has also been working independently and in coalition to urge the Department of Homeland Security, specifically, to</p>

<p>ensure the protection of civil rights, civil liberties and human rights for all in the United States; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP work to pass legislation at local, state, and national levels that effectively bans the practice of racial profiling by law enforcement; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP work to enact evidence-based policies and practices to ensure national security rather than those misguided policies which target individuals and communities based on their race, nationality, religion, physical appearance or other inherent characteristics; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP continue its historic work in combating all forms of discrimination of our communities and campaign against the racist, anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim, anti-Arab, anti-Black and anti-Middle Eastern sentiment sweeping the nation both in society’s mind frame and in policies and laws.</p>	<p>end racial profiling practices and discrimination or additional surveillance or screening based on an individual’s appearance, religious affiliation, race or ethnicity.</p> <p>The Washington Bureau has also been working diligently to promote the End Racial Profiling Act, including numerous Action Alerts, testifying before the House and Senate, and in-person appeals to lawmakers.</p>
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4. “Over Prioritizing, Punished and Incarceration and Under Educating”

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP stands opposed to these “tough on crime” as well as “no tolerance” policies and practices in the United States of America and will work through the local, state, and federal legislative process to make sure that some funding for incarceration and the prison industrial system is refocused to higher education; as well support policies and practices that will study the problem, create reinvestment commissions, eliminate disparities in drug laws, Increase earned time, support youth violence reduction programs, reform sentencing and drug policies, use diversion for drug-involved individuals, shorten prison term, increase parole release rates, reduce revocations of people under community supervision, and support reentry and the sealing of records; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will urge all of its units to work to identify and assist in supporting “smarter on crime” and “prevention and intervention” policies and practices, following NAACP procedures, and take action necessary to expose and halt those entities that engage in supporting “tough on crime” and “no tolerance” policies in our communities and</p>	<p>In collaboration of our state leadership, the Criminal Justice Program has supported state efforts to implement recommendations stemming from the Misplaced Priorities report. We are currently devising a toolkit that will help NAACP units identify and develop criminal justice reform campaigns.</p> <p>Furthermore, the NAACP Washington Bureau has been working diligently to advocate, at a federal level, on behalf of</p>

states.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP adopt the recommendations of the *Misplaced Priorities* report as follows:

1. ***Study the problem:*** Support federal, state, and local efforts to create blue-ribbon commissions that will conduct thorough evaluations of the criminal justice system and offer recommendations for reform in a range of areas, including: sentencing policy, rates of incarceration, law enforcement, crime prevention, substance abuse and mental health treatment, corrections, and reentry.
2. ***Create reinvestment commissions:*** Support commissions charged with identifying legislative and policy avenues to downsize prison populations and shift savings from prison closures to education budgets.
3. ***Eliminate disparities in drug laws:*** Support efforts to eliminate disparities in sentencing between crack and powder cocaine at the state and federal level.
4. ***Increase earned time:*** Support reforms that would allow prisoners to earn an earlier release by participating in educational and vocational programming as well as drug and mental health treatment.
5. ***Support youth violence reduction programs:*** Support programs and policies to develop a comprehensive plan for implementing evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies for at-risk youth to prevent gang activity and criminal justice involvement.
6. ***Reform sentencing and drug policies:*** Eliminate mandatory minimum sentencing for drug offenses that help fuel drug imprisonment.
7. ***Use diversion for drug-involved individuals:*** Reform prosecutorial guidelines to divert people to treatment who would otherwise serve a mandatory prison term.

several of the priorities identified in the *Misplaced Priorities* report, including legislation to stop crime before it happens, such as the Youth PROMISE Act; legislation to reduce racial and ethnic disproportionate initial contacts with law enforcement, such as the End Racial Profiling Act, legislation to review prosecutorial misconduct, including the Justice Integrity Act; legislation to eliminate all mandatory minimum sentences; legislation allowing prisoners to improve themselves while incarcerated; policies to Promote societal re-entry assistance for ex-offenders; and policies to promote societal re-entry assistance for ex-offenders. The Washington Bureau has also been an active advocate for the establishment of state and federal Criminal Justice Review Commissions to look at all aspects of the criminal justice system and make recommendations for repairing this clearly broken system.

<p>8. Shorten prison terms: Send young offenders who would otherwise receive mandatory sentences to structured programs to help them earn their GED and shave time off their prison sentences.</p> <p>9. Increase parole release rates: Improve parole boards' ability to use evidence-based strategies when making decisions to parole prisoners, thus improving parolees' chances for success and increasing parole approval rates.</p> <p>10. Reduce revocations of people under community supervision: Develop alternative-to-incarceration programs that will reduce the number of people sent to prison for technical violations.</p> <p>11. Support reentry and the sealing of records: Support legislation that will close criminal records of certain offenders after they have not committed another crime within a certain number of years.</p>	
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5. Campaign to Re-establish the System of Parole for All Federal and State Prisoners, Including Statutory Good Time and Educational/Work Incentive Credits

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP call for reinstatement of the federal and state parole system/statutes, as well as the retroactive application of such statutes to all prisoners, along with comprehensive statutory provisions for Good Time, Educational, and Work Incentive Credits.</p>	<p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has, independently and in coalition, advocated for these policies with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons and with the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. The NAACP has also supported legislation introduced by Congressman Robert Scott (VA) , H.R. 2343 and H.R. 2344, which would provide incentives for prisoners to pursue educational and job training experience and pursue good behavior while incarcerated.</p>

6. Crime and Justice

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the leaders of the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics conduct a study on the racially and ethnically disparate impact of the field of crime and justice as it relates to families and communities of color, and provide recommendations to the challenges found; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP calls upon state legislatures to convene criminal justice task forces to enact provisions to substantially reduce their correctional populations; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms its 1997 resolution addressing the disproportionate numbers of African Americans in the prison population, largely as a result of the sentencing disparity between crack and cocaine; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms its 1989 resolution addressing the disproportionate numbers of African Americans in the prison population, largely as a result of a deficiency in sufficient legal representation for these individuals; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will engage local law enforcement agencies on the topic of the incarceration of African American and Latino youth, with the goal of ensuring due process in handling of detention as well as to prevent the harassment of people of color in public places; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP supports public audits of policies in schools, city, county, and state governments which identify policies responsible for the over incarceration of juveniles and adults; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP calls upon all states to replicate the practice of providing advisory pre-sentencing economic impact sanctioning statements; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will work in low-income communities and communities of color to engage in re-entry work focused on the youth and families impacted by incarceration, while advocating for services needed during the re-entry process including education, jobs and entrepreneurial programs, and healthcare; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP calls upon the prison system to identify best practices or blueprints of programs, to support the re-entry process of formerly incarcerated individuals, which should address:</p> <p>(A) The transferring of medical records immediately following the release of these individuals; and with specific documentation of the presence or absence of major killers and cripplers: heart disease,</p>	<p>The NAACP Criminal Justice staff has supported efforts by our state leadership to reform criminal justice policies that have created the unjust disparities that we see in the criminal justice system. We have further improved our best practices documents for reentry employment issues.</p> <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has also been a big advocate for the establishment of state and federal Criminal Justice Review Commissions to look at all aspects of the criminal justice system and make recommendations for repairing this clearly broken system.</p>

<p>stroke, mental health disease/illnesses, cancer, liver disease, lung disease, diabetes, HIV, sickle cell anemia and other blood disorders, communicable diseases/illnesses; and</p> <p>(B) The medicinal needs and ensures an adequate supply, as well as provide a referral list of physicians and health-care providers in their community; and</p> <p>(C) The accessibility of medical, vision, dental and mental health services for these individuals; and</p> <p>(D) The accessibility of health-care, education, and employment, as well as provide a list of willing employers to these individuals; and</p> <p>(E) Drug rehabilitation.</p>	
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7. A Call to End the War on Drugs, Allocate Funding to Invest in Substance Abuse Treatment, Education and Opportunities in Communities of Color for a Better Tomorrow

<p>ACTION called for by the Resolution</p>	<p>ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff</p>
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP advocates for the end of any law that prohibits anyone convicted or who has admitted to sufficient facts for a drug offense from applying for or receiving state and federal financial aid; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we reinvest dollars saved from incarceration to treatment and education programs and a proportional share of taxpayers' money to privately-owned Black organizations/groups and Black faith-based groups in proportion with the Black prison population of the U.S.; and an approach that holds state and federal agencies accountable; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP advocate educational programs that teach our youth about drugs and other harmful substances available in society, and teach them to refrain from using any of these substances; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP advocate for meaningful ways to combat the disparate and unjust impact of the war on drugs, including abolishing mandatory minimum sentencing for drug related offenses, which remove any discretion from judges to take into account extraneous circumstances, and which have disproportionately impacted those who come from low income communities and communities of color; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP work to abolish Byrne Grant funding that provides incentives for law enforcement to target and make arrests in drug related crimes, which they disproportionately do in low income communities and communities of color; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP advocate for the implementation</p>	<p>The NAACP has supported state efforts to end the war on drugs. Additionally, we have joined a Peace Caravan with a number of coalition partners, including those in Mexico, to highlight the death and violence associated with the war on drugs.</p>

<p>of needle exchange programs which serve to reduce HIV, Hepatitis C, and other infections related to using unclean needles by providing clean needles to those who need them, therefore increasing overall public safety for all of our communities; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP advocate for the expansion of prevention and diversion programs as well as other policies whereby law enforcement officials are required to take drug offenders to treatment programs and social service providers instead of arresting and putting them on the path to incarceration; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP advocates that U.S. policy should be measured not solely on drug use levels or the number of people arrested or imprisoned, but rather on the amount of drug-related harm reduced. This includes: substantially reducing drug overdose fatalities, substantially reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis, substantially reducing the number of nonviolent drug law offenders behind bars, substantially reducing the number of people arrested for drug possession, and eliminating the racial disparities in drug law enforcement; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP advocate for a wide range of effective drug abuse treatment options (treatment on demand) that make supportive services available to all who need them, including: greater access to methadone and other maintenance therapies; specially-tailored, integrated services for families, minorities, rural communities and individuals suffering from co-occurring disorders; and effective community-based drug treatment and other alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent drug law offenders; and other policies that reduce public spending while improving public health and safety.</p>	
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8. Video Surveillance of Law Enforcement Traffic Detentions

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms its 2001 resolution on advocating for the use of dash-cams; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP calls on the United States Congress to mandate and fund law enforcement vehicles to be retrofitted within five years with video and audio surveillance equipment that are functioning on a regular basis; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP calls on the United States Congress to mandate and fund all law enforcement agencies to carry and use within five years gun-cams and Taser-cams; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP calls on the United</p>	<p>The NAACP has very actively, both independently and in coalition, supported the End Racial Profiling Act. A key component of this legislation calls for the installation of dash-cams and the use of gun-cams and taser-cams by all law enforcement.</p>

<p>States Congress to mandate within 5 years all new law enforcement vehicles be equipped with video and audio surveillance equipment, and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the United States Congress mandate the use of video and audio surveillance equipment in all law enforcement detentions to protect the civil and human rights of all Americans.</p>	
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. NAACP Supports Reform of the Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSE's) Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to Help Low and Middle-Income Homeowners

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP supports a comprehensive reform of the Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSE's) Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac which ensures that the housing finance system furthers our nation's fair housing goals by aggressively promoting nondiscrimination, residential integration, and equal access to the benefits of decent and safe housing and ownership opportunities; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP advocate avoiding an overreliance on Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgage insurance since leaving an entire borrower segment and whole neighborhoods reliant on a single source of mortgage credit is bad policy for a number of reasons; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP supports integrated neighborhoods, in which clean, safe and affordable rental units and homeownership opportunities are available to all Americans. Additionally, the NAACP supports the creation of a pilot program to recapture homeowners and GSE's underwriting appraisal value and equity through cooperative endeavor – private sponsored, regional cooperative homeownership partnership structures.</p>	<p>The NAACP Economic Department in 2011 developed a Nine Point Home Ownership Plan that calls for housing reform which strengthens fair housing goal and home ownership opportunities. The NAACP Economic Department throughout 2012 has also consistently reaffirmed the NAACP position that housing reform must advance fair housing and home ownership opportunities.</p> <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has also been working independently and in coalition to meet with policy makers in Congress and the Administration to promote a strong federal role in promoting and protecting the interests of racial and ethnic minorities who may wish to purchase homes, especially given their often unique situations.</p>

1. Supporting the Enactment and Enforcement of State Laws Teaching an Inclusive American History

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms the 2007 resolution stating that “All students, especially African-American students, will be able to read in their school history texts an accurate account of the contributions of African-Americans (in all fields of endeavor) to the settlement growth and development of this country;” and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will work in states to strengthen existing laws and require implementation of teaching all students a valid, historically accurate curriculum that includes African and African-American history and prepares all students for college and career success; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that where states do not have laws to ensure the teaching of a valid, historically accurate curriculum that includes African and African-American history among other historical perspectives and accounts, the NAACP will advocate for the creation of such laws with strong comprehensive implementation guaranteeing state’s and district’s compliance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Offered strategic guidance and support for Texas state conference engagement in redistricting for the state board of education, which sets standards for textbooks ▪ Equipped education committee members with knowledge about Tennessee efforts to alter the way textbooks discussed historical events pertaining to African-Americans

2. Preserving the Federal Role in Safeguarding Education

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP will work aggressively to maintain the federal role in education monitoring, incentive-setting and enforcement, encouraging the federal government to use all the tools at its disposal to ensure that all students receive a high quality education; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP will work aggressively to ensure that every school is held accountable by state and federal laws and rules for delivering to each student a high quality education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collaborated via various national coalitions with allies to build public awareness of threats to existing efforts to ensure educational equity ▪ Collaborated via various national coalitions with allies to maintain and strengthen federal standards for tracking the academic progress of black students ▪ Joined letters, briefings, statements and new media campaigns encouraging the federal government to use all the tools at its disposal to ensure that all students receive a high quality education; ▪ Advocated for accountability standards for equity to be included in discussions around the reauthorization of federal education laws, ▪ Advocated for accountability standards for equity to be included in administrative rules and processes such as the competitions for waivers to federal law, and Race to the Top grants

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<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms its earlier resolutions supporting more time for more learning, the most recent of which was in 2007; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAACP units will work aggressively at the local, state and federal levels to expand the school year and school day to increase the learning opportunities available to all students; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP calls upon educational entities on all levels to improve teacher capability to use more creative methodology in expanding learning opportunities; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP units will work to expand the ways that time is used in schools, to accelerate learning, offer enrichment and workforce training, allow students to recover credit and incorporate community service learning into their studies for credit and receive other services that expand their opportunities to learn.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Included in Finding Our Way Back to First report analysis and data stressing the importance and value of expanded learning time and opportunities, complete with suggestions for ways units could advocate for such opportunities in their communities ▪ Promoted the value of expanded learning time and opportunities as part of national education agenda at all NAACP internal training events and as run-up to report launch ▪ Promoted the value of expanded learning time and opportunities as part of national education agenda in a range of partner, ally and coalition education settings and activities, ranging from the National School Boards' Association to the Southeast Minority Leadership Council ▪ Joined the Time to Succeed Coalition, with which we have begun working nationally, state-by-state, and community-by-community to continue to build the movement of expanded learning time schools across the country.

4. State Budget Cuts on Education

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NAACP strongly condemns the widespread cuts in various state education budgets across the nation associated with an increase in tuition at publicly funded higher education institutions and a decrease in financial resources for public schools; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP direct all of its Units to take an oppositional stance to these detrimental state education budget cuts; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP and its Units take necessary steps to alleviate the results of past implemented cuts and work through the legislative and electoral process to prevent further unfavorable state budget cuts to education in future fiscal years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinated efforts across communications and education to highlight the issue of inadequate resources for education. ▪ Supported state conferences such as New York, Pennsylvania and Texas in empowering residents to speak out against the devastation budget cuts would bring to public schools ▪ Worked in coalition to maintain and strengthen federal incentives and mandates for states to distribute resources equitably. ▪ Contributed to the deliberations and drafting of a forthcoming report of the Congressionally chartered Equity and Excellence Commission on school finance, which encourages, incentivizes and seeks

	<p>to strengthen rules for states to equitably fund and support public schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promoted the value and importance of funding schools equitably as part of national education agenda at all NAACP internal training events and as run-up to report launch ▪ Promoted the value of equitable school funding as part of national education agenda in a range of partner, ally and coalition education settings and activities, ranging from the Congressional Black Caucus to the National School Boards' Association
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5. *Free Second Language Instruction and Courses*

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<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all public education entities providing free classes to non-limited-English speakers to learn English, also be required to provide free foreign language instruction classes to populations who only speak English.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promoted the value of second language acquisition in a range of partner, ally and coalition education settings and activities, ranging from the Congressional Tri-Caucus Association to the National Council on Teaching Literacy

6. *Civil Rights Education*

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP continue its efforts to pass legislation that establishes the U.S. Civil Rights Education Advisory Commission in the United States Department of Education; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the legislation requires the advisory committee verify the inclusion of civil rights education in the states' history-social science framework and criteria for evaluating instructional materials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advocated via various national coalitions with allies to increase the visibility, support and scope of duties for the USDOE's office of Civil Rights

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

1. NAACP Support of Ensuring Safeguards to Reduce Air Pollution

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reiterates its support for the Clean Air Act as a critical bedrock policy for the protection of environmental and human health and wellbeing; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP will put the power and resources of the Association's units and members behind protecting and defending environmental policies designed to provide safeguards to ensure that all communities are breathing clean air, ingesting clean water, and living and thriving on safe lands.</p>	<p>Conducted a Clean Air Op-Ed Blitz whereby 20 State Conference Presidents submitted letters to local newspapers in support of clean air safeguards.</p> <p>Facilitated 25 members from 15 states in providing testimony at the Carbon Pollution Standard Hearings.</p> <p>Filed suit in the protection of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards.</p> <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has worked hard to defeat several proposals in the U.S. House and the Senate which would in any way impede the ability of the U.S. EPA to implement the Clean Air Act.</p>

2. NAACP's Continuing Commitment to Uplifting Civil and Human Rights of Persons Affected by the Deepwater Horizon Macondo Well Oil Spill of 2010

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP commits to continuing to advocate for and engage in ongoing monitoring of the oil spill situation in the Gulf, provide assistance to affected communities in education and advocacy, as well as apply pressure to oil companies, and the federal, state and local government, for responsible policies and practices in regard to ongoing oil extraction and processing in the Gulf of Mexico.</p>	<p>The NAACP Economic Department joined with the Environmental Justice Department and held a multi stop Financial Recovery Gulf tour in response to the disasters in the area. In the summer of 2012 Environmental Justice and the Economic Department will hold a similar training of trainers.</p> <p>Launched the Gulf Coast Financial Capacity Building Initiative in Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi.</p>

1. NAACP Supports Reducing the Obesity Epidemic Through Intergenerational Chronic Disease Prevention Programs

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP encourage units to educate and empower their respective communities on chronic disease prevention strategies that include healthy eating and regular physical activity to reduce morbidity and mortality rates of chronic diseases and critical health issues within the African-American community; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will create on its national website and implement an online training and education curriculum on health and wellness promoting lifestyle changes made available to all units, based on NAACP compiled best practices and evidence based research; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms its earlier resolutions in 2003, 2009 and 2010 supporting obesity prevention and urges its units and members to adopt an intergenerational approach to Health and Wellness promotion to reduce obesity and chronic disease (including heart disease, stroke and diabetes) with the newly launched Project H.E.L.P (Healthy Eating, Lifestyles, and Physical Activity) program.</p>	<p>The NAACP health department started the new intergenerational chronic disease prevention program entitled Project H.E.L.P. (Healthy Eating Lifestyles & Physical Activity) program. Project HELP was launched in March 2011 in 7 communities where selected units. The first cohort included: Alexandria, VA , Brooklyn, NY, Dallas, TX, Fairbanks, Alaska & Washington State Conference Laporte County, IN, Limestone, AL & Washington, DC</p> <p>Through the Project HELP grant 640 constituents and NAACP members received health and wellness education. In addition, the GET HYPE (Healthy Young People Everywhere) series hosted at Virginia State University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Union University where over 200 college students received health information about health & wellness on campus.</p>

2. Racial Disparities in the United States Maternal Child Health Care

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms the 1992, 2002, 2006 and 2010 resolutions on women and children’s health and will focus on eliminating financial barriers to health care, creating stronger policies for women’s health and strengthening and improving the delivery of health services in the United States as well.</p>	<p>The NAACP health department has not implemented a program for Maternal and Child Health. There were discussions to build partnership and information in action alerts released to protect women’s health. The NAACP Washington bureau has advocated for enactment of H.R. 894, the Maternal Mortality Accountability Act of 2011, which will provide grants to states to establish Maternal Mortality Review Committees to examine pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths and to identify effective strategies to reduce maternal mortality. It will also improve data collection and establish programs to eliminate the racial and ethnic disparities. This data collection also addresses maternal morbidity – or cases in which the woman almost died – and will go a long way toward defining, and addressing, the problem.</p>

3. NAACP Supports School-Based Health Centers

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms the 1992 resolution on women and children's health supporting the use of school based and school connected health services; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that NAACP will promote and work with existing organizations, state and local officials, and others to encourage increased funding and implementation of school-based health centers nationwide.</p>	<p>The NAACP has formed a partnership with the National Assembly for School Based Health Centers and the American Public Health Association (APHA) to address the importance of school based health centers. There was joint meeting hosted at the Washington Bureau that yielded the following: 1) NASBHC brief overview at the Region 7 conference w/ Hilary Shelton 2) joint letter written to Secretary Sebelius requesting a meeting to discuss plans for federal funding for school based health centers in FY 2014 (supported in the Affordable Care Act) and 3) APHA/NASBHC Presentation to NAACP State Health Chairs on webinar live meeting scheduled June 21, 2012.</p>

4. NAACP Commemorates 30 Years in the Fight Against the HIV/AIDS Epidemic and Rededicates Itself to Mobilizing its Units and Providing Leadership in the Black Community on this Crisis

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NAACP and local units join forces with partnering health, civic and civil rights groups to publically speak out in support of strategic programs and resources that promote regular HIV testing and prevention education in their respective communities; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP continue supporting federal and state policies that promote holistic approaches towards medical, economic, legal and housing components for HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP through its active units will mobilize communities to reduce stigma, discrimination, myths, and shame around HIV/AIDS by promoting inclusion and acceptance of all people regardless of how the HIV virus was contracted and regardless of their HIV status; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP</p>	<p>The NAACP health department has continued to implement HIV programs throughout the course of the year. We have received funding from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to implement the Act Against AIDS Leadership Initiative and MAC AIDS fund where program staff facilitated HIV 101 Education sessions in Philadelphia, Hartford, CT, Nashville and Washington DC.</p> <p>During the 2011 convention, the NAACP hosted national screening opportunities at the exhibit space and commemorated the 30th year in the fight against HIV during the annual health luncheon. In addition, the three African American surgeon generals that have served addressed health disparities in the Black community. Dr. Joycelyn Elders paid special attention to reproductive health and the importance of early HIV prevention education for our children.</p> <p>In addition, the NAACP completed the 11-city tour and began the development of the NAACP Faith and Social Justice manual. The community advisory board made up of pastors, clinicians and</p>

<p>will advocate that the state and federal government secure available resources to maintain the current AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and reduce the amount of federal funding cuts to this program; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP commemorates 30 years in the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic and rededicates itself to providing leadership, mobilizing its units and strengthening the capacity of our national and community partners in education and advocacy that are committed to ensuring the eradication of the spread of HIV/AIDS in African Americans communities and throughout the world.</p>	<p>persons living with AIDS and HIV activists convened to compile all of the data collected from the tour. The manual will be released during the 2012 National Convention in Houston Texas on July 9, 2012.</p>
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INTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. *The NAACP Youth & College Division is Honoring Our Elders and Renewing Our Determination*

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the local units, state units and college chapters that make up the NAACP Youth & College Division express appreciation to the elders in our association, ages 55+ for their tireless efforts over our 75 years as a division and 102 years as an association; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that officers and members in the NAACP Youth & College Division solemnly affirm to develop the skills, talents and abilities needed to speak out and mobilize into action wherever injustice and inequality exist; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP Youth & College Division calls upon all youth units and college chapters to continue to work independently and side by side with our adult branches to make our association stronger and more determined as we move forward and face the challenges ahead.</p>	<p>Both Youth & College and Adult Units have been aggressively engaged to promote a greater level of mutual cooperation and involvement.</p>

2. *Renewing the NAACP Youth & College Division's Partnership with the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO)*

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP Youth & College Division and ACT-SO will work together to increase interest in both programs; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ACT-SO will work towards making all participants members; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAACP Youth & College Division units will aid in recruitment of members to participate in ACT-SO; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that partnering these two programs will create well-rounded leaders to lead us now and into the future.</p>	<p>National ACT-SO office implemented an ongoing membership campaign that :</p> <p>a) Provided examples and best practices of current ACT-SO programs that were successfully recruiting ACT-SO youth members while recognizing the ACT-SO 501C3 status</p> <p>b) Tracks incoming ACT-SO Youth memberships within the membership department</p>

3. *In Support of a Paperless Reporting Process for Units*

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP will seek to find ways to reduce the amount of paper reporting forms; and,</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will work to identify an online mechanism and tools that will enable units to input data for various reporting forms; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESLOVED that the NAACP will strive to reduce its ecological footprint in an effort to go green and secure a more sustainable environment for future generations.</p>	<p>Electronic reporting forms are now being used.</p>

4. *Youth & College Division Units Election*

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP Youth & College Division election period be extended and held from March 1 to April 15.</p>	<p>The election cycle has been changed to March 1st through April 15th of each year.</p>

5. Unit Run-Off Elections – Amendment to Article IX, Section 2(g), 3(g), 4(e) and 5(e) (Election of Officers and Executive Committee and Delegates) of the Bylaws for Units

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following sentence and language be added to the respective sections of Article IX, Section 2(g), 3(g), 4(e) and 5(e) of the BYLAWS FOR UNITS which provides specific guidance for runoff elections:</p> <p>“Should a run-off election be necessary that election shall occur on the following date at time certain (at least 1 hour) at this location, Run-off election shall be conducted not less than ten (10) after the original election.”;</p> <p>and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this change shall be added at the end of the section concerning written notice of elections for Branches, Prison Branches, and all Youth College Units: Article IX, Section 2(g); Article IX, Section 3(g); Article IX, Section 4(e) and Article IX, Section 5(e) of the Bylaws for Units.</p>	<p>Language has been added to the Bylaws for Units and Election Manuals</p>

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Support for Recovery of Cote D'Ivoire

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP commends the United State for the assistance it has recently provided Cote D'Ivoire and urges its communication with specific emphasis on issues of security and reconciliation (including investigation and addressing atrocities regardless of which side perpetuated them) and to expand its current areas of concern to re-establishing the severely damaged education system; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP urges the United States to work with regional West Africa institutions, the African Union and the United Nations to pursue these goals; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP use its Non Governmental Organization (NGO) status at the UN to follow this issue and urge the UN to give it a high priority; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that NAACP work to educate its units on the complex issues in Africa to raise awareness and counter the over-simplistic views and misinformation so often dominating in the mass media.</p>	<p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has worked extensively with the U. S. Department of State as well as the White House and several NGOs to advocate policies which will promote sustainability, democracy, human and civil rights, health care, respect for the environment and labor policies and sovereignty throughout the African continent. The NAACP Washington Bureau has also worked to educate its members and the public at large as to the diverse and positive attributes of Africa and her people.</p>

LABOR / EMPLOYMENT

1. *Manufacturing and Union Labor Policy*

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms the declaration made at its annual meeting in February, 2011, that we will advocate for and fight to protect the rights of workers to engage in the process of collective bargaining; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP, and it members, will strive to restore the original intention of the National Labor Relations Act to encourage unionization and collective bargaining by guaranteeing workers the right to organize; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP, and it members, will work to educate our friends, family, the general public, and Congress about the continued need to strengthen the right of workers to organize, free from employer interference; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP reiterates its strong support for the Employee Free Choice Act to allow workers to make a personal choice to organize without relentless and often unlawful attempts by management to affect their decision by use of threat and intimidation; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP, and it members advocate for NLRA coverage for all private sector workers, including teaching and research assistants; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP, and its members support efforts in states to provide collective bargaining rights to all state and local government employees; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP publicly state its opposition to attacks on any and all unions, whether in the public or private sectors, by declaring that workers have rights to be organized into unions and those unions' rights to collective bargaining are sacrosanct; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all NAACP Branches and Youth Units be instructed to hold forums on the history of the</p>	<p>The NAACP Economic Department was a cosponsor of the We Are One Conference in Phoenix, Arizona that highlighted the connection between immigrant rights, civil rights and labor rights. The NAACP Economic Department continued its labor work in helping to organize a panel discussion at the Coalition for Black Trade Unions annual conference and helped to coordinate a national discussion with SEIU and partner organizations on the importance of defending labor rights. Finally the NAACP Economic department developed a power point presentation on the intersection of defending labor rights and civil rights which is shared to the public via our website.</p>

labor movement in this country and its relationship with the NAACP, the context within which attacks on unions are occurring and to participate in demonstrations, locally, statewide and nationally, that serve to support struggles on the part of unions to preserve existing contracts and/or to defend the right of unions to exist without interference or obstruction; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP call on all its units to join in public protests and rallies in support of public and private employees and their efforts to maintain or preserve their rights to union representation and collective bargaining.

LEGISLATIVE

1. NAACP Supports the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band Association as they Petition the Office of Federal Acknowledgement in Becoming a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP calls upon member branches to inform themselves concerning the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band Association petition, and to support local and national efforts of the Freedmen Band to call attention to their issue; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP offers to facilitate a fair resolution in the support of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band, by means of education and fact finding to address the history and current impact of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band and promote understanding of tribal sovereignty; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP is committed to immediately help publicize the plight of the Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen during its National Convention in Los Angeles in 2011.</p>	<p>The Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band (MCIFB) filed a Petition for Federal Recognition as an American Indian Tribe on January 20, 2012. The completed petition package contained over 20,000 pieces of document, including a copy of the NAACP resolution of support. Since that time, the NAACP Washington Bureau has been working with the NAACP branches in Oklahoma to monitor the request within the US Department of Interior.</p> <p>Furthermore, this resolution, and the sentiments contained within, received extensive publicity when it was: discussed and debated in its entirety at the National Convention in July 2011; ratified by the national Board of Directors in October 2011; and published in the Crisis magazine in the Fall of 2011.</p>

2. NAACP Opposes Attacks by State Legislators as Well as Members of the United States Congress on the Rights of Citizenship as Guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP strongly, vociferously and consistently opposes efforts at the local, state or federal level to change or amend any portion of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, including the Citizenship Clause.</p>	<p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has been working independently and in coalition to advocate against any proposed changes to the 14th Amendment of the Constitution which would in any way diminish the protections offered. This includes letters to Congress, and an Action Alert engaging our membership in the struggle.</p>

3. The NAACP Supports the Complete Elimination of Racial Disparities Associated with Crack Cocaine Convictions

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we will continue to push for the complete elimination of these disparities between crack and powder cocaine sentencing by making the crack cocaine sentencing equivalent to the current powdered cocaine range; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED until such a time that sentences for crack and powder cocaine are equalized the NAACP supports the application of the sentencing guidelines as established under the <i>Fair Sentencing Act</i> to be applied retroactively to everyone convicted of crack cocaine possession, including those whose convictions predate enactment of the <i>Fair Sentencing Act</i>.</p>	<p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has been working independently and in coalition to advocate for the complete elimination of all racial disparities in cocaine sentencing. Our activities have included letters to Congress, and an Action Alert engaging our membership in the struggle.</p> <p>Furthermore, the NAACP signed onto an Amicus Brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in favor of Hill v. The United States and Dorsey v, the United States, cases in which it was argued that the new, fairer sentencing guidelines based on the Fair Sentencing Act (FSA) should be applied to individuals who had been charged with crack cocaine offenses but not yet been sentenced before the FSA was signed into law on August 3, 2010.</p>

4. NAACP Calls for a Federal Budget that is Fair and Equitable and Does Not Harm Low and Middle-Income Americans

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reiterates its call, as expressed in resolutions from 1974, 1981, 1984 and 1994 to Congress and the</p>	<p>Dedrick Muhammad co-presented a webinar hosted by the Applied Research Center on how austerity budgeting negatively affects people of color. He also</p>

<p>President to enact a budget that does not cut civil and human rights protections or reduce or eliminate the government's human needs assistance to the most vulnerable among us; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP supports an approach which considers revenue, expenditures, entitlements and defense spending when reducing our national deficit; one that includes responsible decisions to raise new revenue by broadening the tax base; strategically assessing cuts to our largest expenditures, including military war spending; and making our tax system more fair and closing tax loopholes and preferences which contributed to a significant loss of American jobs.</p>	<p>made a similar presentation at the Center for Budget Policy Priorities national convention and at a United For A Fair Economy training of trainers in Boston.</p> <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has also consistently advocated for a fair and balanced federal budget, both independently and in coalition. Washington Bureau activities have included letters to and testimony before Congress, as well as meetings with individual members and Action Alerts distributed to our grassroots network.</p>
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5. *Autonomy for the District of Columbia*

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP hereby encourages its units to advocate that their legislatures pass a resolution to express support for autonomy of the residents of the District of Columbia, in their campaign to right a historic wrong and realize fully the promise of American democracy; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that by adoption of this Resolution, the NAACP urges the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to initiate immediate legislative action to provide voting rights and full democracy for the more than 600,000 residents of the District of Columbia.</p>	<p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has, independently and in coalition, worked to promote autonomy for the District of Columbia. We have advocated autonomy in general and as it applies to specific issues, including school vouchers and syringe exchange programs. Washington Bureau activities include the distribution of Action Alerts to our grassroots network, participation in press conferences, as well as letters to Congress and the Administration.</p>

6. *Joint Legislative Resolution in Honor of Michael Joseph Jackson*

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP begin efforts to pass a joint resolution in the United States Congress, which would honor Michael Joseph Jackson as a legendary American recording artist, entertainer and humanitarian -one of the greatest of all time, and call upon the United States National Parks Service to explore the feasibility of establishing a historic site in honor of Michael Joseph Jackson.</p>	<p>The NAACP Washington Bureau supported legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives honoring Michael Jackson and citing his lengthy list of good deeds.</p>

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP encourages the Congress to initiate a thorough review of the facts supporting the heroic feats of Doris Miller at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 to determine if legislation should be enacted that will allow a Medal of Honor to be awarded despite the fact that the statutory time limit has been exceeded; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP supports the awarding of the Medal of Honor to Doris Miller, whose extraordinary action at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, showed tremendous disregard for self and were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service, and reflected the utmost credit on him, his family and the United States Navy; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP supports and encourages all people to write and call their congressional representative seeking their support for Doris Miller to be awarded the Medal of Honor; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP encourages all people to write and call the President of the United States seeking his support for Doris Miller to be awarded the Medal of Honor.</p>	<p>The NAACP supports H.R. 305, legislation introduced by Congresswoman Eddie Berniece Johnson (TX) to waive the time limitations specified by law for the award of certain military decorations in order to allow the posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Doris Miller for actions while a member of the Navy during World War II.</p>

8. Call for Universal Suffrage in the United States

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP demands an America where all adult citizens 18 years of age and older including those who are incarcerated can freely vote their conscience in choosing their elected representatives.</p>	<p>The NAACP national office launched a national voting rights initiative with the goal of raising awareness on the assault to the right to vote and supporting measures that would expand the right to vote to all Americans. Additionally the NAACP has supported and endorsed several state federal measures including the Voter Empowerment Act that would great expand access and the right to vote for all Americans. The National staff continues to advance measures that would reverse restrictions on the right to vote for people who have felony convictions. Staff also continues to conduct trainings and work with allies to oppose any measure that would restrict the right to vote for any American citizen.</p> <p>The Washington Bureau has also worked on the development of and in support of H.R. 5799, the Voter Empowerment Act, legislation which addresses many of the voter empowerment provisions supported by the NAACP (including universal same-day voting, early voting and provisional ballots) and outlawing a number of voter suppression issues the NAACP has raised concerns about.</p>

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP continues to support a holistic review of every aspect of the federal budget, including spending on defense programs, when trying to address and reduce our national deficit; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP supports the timely withdrawal of American troops from areas of conflict in Afghanistan and Iraq in a safe and responsible manner and the rededication of those monies spent on these wars to programs that provide basic assistance to the most vulnerable, infrastructure and job creation.</p>	<p>This January, all nondefense discretionary (NDD) programs face indiscriminate, across-the-board cuts of 8.4 percent through a “sequester.” Such cuts will devastate medical and scientific research; education and job training; infrastructure; public safety and law enforcement; public health; weather monitoring and environmental protection; housing and social services; and international relations.</p> <p>The NAACP has contacted Congress urging Congress to avoid the sequester by passing a “balanced approach to deficit reduction that does not include further cuts to NDD programs.</p>

VETERANS

1. To Include Veterans as a Targeted Group Within the NAACP National Priorities

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP include Black veterans as a targeted group within each of its National Advocacy Priorities; and</p> <p>BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP call on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that it fills its VA Medical Center Minority Veterans Affairs Coordinator position with full time dedicated personnel who have a health background; use its Armed Services and Veterans Affairs committees throughout all of its units across the Nation <u>to identify</u> resources, services, and programs in the community that will help assist and educate veterans with health care, education, mental health and PTSD, entrepreneurship, employment, housing and homeownership, issues unique to women veterans, homeless veterans, and formerly incarcerated veterans, and provide information and access to VA benefits; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NAACP, through its national and state conventions, and regional conferences, demonstrate its commitment to the plight of veterans by conducting annual workshops on Veterans Affairs as agreed to in its 2004 Resolution on Support for Black Veterans, in order to raise the level of awareness of the NAACP members and the American citizenry of the need to support our veterans when they return back into our communities.</p>	<p>The Washington Bureau has worked with First Lady Michelle Obama and Second Lady, Dr. Jill Biden, to highlight the problems unique to veterans and military families.</p> <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has also worked with Congressman Al Green (TX) to ensure that the concerns of veterans are included in his housing discrimination legislation (H.R. 284).</p>

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

CIVIL RIGHTS

1. **NAACP opposes civil war sesquicentennial observations which venerate or romanticize the war or the antebellum south while not recognizing the human trafficking horrors of slavery or the treasonous intentions of the confederacy**

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP is vehemently opposed to any federal, state or local government-led veneration of any kind of the Confederate States of America, as there is no place in today's society for the celebration of treason, slavery, or the atrocious blood bath which occurred on American soil; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that both President Obama and Secretary Salazar encourage the entire Department of Interior workforce, as well as anybody else who is involved in the sesquicentennial commemoration, to remain vigilant and to ensure that the federal government does all it can to stay true to the message that has heretofore been transmitted of commemorating those who fought and died in this American tragedy and calling on all Americans to use this opportunity to renew our Nation's commitment to freedom and equality.</p>	<p>The NAACP Washington Bureau sent a letter to President Obama urging him, Secretary Salazar, and every other employee of the federal government, to work hard to ensure that the occasion of the Civil War's sesquicentennial is not used to romanticize or otherwise endorse, in any way, one of the primary contributing factors to the conflict and southern succession, the enslavement of African Americans.</p>

2. **NAACP Calls for Addressing the Plight of African American Males**

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP calls on all of America's institutions, including but not limited to its governmental sector, its private sector and its philanthropic sector to work to craft a comprehensive strategy to bring a comprehensive solution to this all too long enduring dilemma; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NAACP units at the local and state levels as well as the National organization shall work comprehensively to craft and implement a tailored solution that recognizes the extraordinary nature of this continuing challenge to the American people and rejects the faulty</p>	<p>The NAACP has worked on several fronts to identify and address the plight of the African American male: we consistently raise the fact that unemployment among African American males is even higher than that of African Americans, and we consistently argue in favor of federal job creation programs which target underserved populations.</p> <p>After the Trayvon Martin shooting and as part of our renewed campaign to end racial profiling, the NAACP will be working to raise awareness about racial profiling and its impact on black men in America - in addition to all people of color. We will also be working on accountability from law enforcement and public officials about how seriously violence towards black men specifically - and all people of color in general - is treated. By working to get police departments to collect and report data (crime data and case clearance data) that is disaggregated by race, gender, nationality, and zip code, we hope to be able to better</p>

<p>approach that has been applied heretofore which uses a “one-size fits all” solution that has not worked.</p>	<p>understand how seriously violence against African American men and people of color is treated by the police. Additionally, we are providing support to our Connecticut State Conference in their efforts to work on partnering with experts and celebrities to address the plight of black men in America. Lastly, the NAACP Washington Bureau has consistently argued in support of making educational assistance – grants and student aid –available and affordable.</p>
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COMMEMORATIVE

1. NAACP Honors Mrs. Clara Shephard Luper, Leader of the NAACP Youth Council’s “Sit-Down” Movement

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates meeting during the 102nd NAACP Annual convention, in recognition of the 75 years of service from the Youth and College Division hereby pay tribute and honor one of the Youth and College Division’s leaders, Mrs. Clara Shephard Luper, leader of the “Sit-Down” movement; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NAACP National Board of Directors shall work with the NAACP Youth and College Division to develop an annual award honoring Mrs. Clara Shephard Luper to be given on an on-going basis to recognize an outstanding Youth and College Division Advisor.</p>	<p>The Youth Luncheon at the 103rd Annual Convention has been re-named the “Clara Shephard Luper” Memorial lunch.</p>

LEGAL

1 NAACP Supports U.S. Court of Appeals Ruling Affirming Diversity in Higher Education

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<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the NAACP calls upon the Attorney General of Michigan to forego any further appeals in the Sixth Circuit case.</p>	<p>Opponents of affirmative action have employed different approaches and the Michigan Proposal 2 is one example. At some point, as part of our set of responses, we seem to wind up in court. The issue of the use of race as a factor of a factor in admitting some freshmen to the University of Texas flagship campus will be decided soon by the U.S. Supreme Court. As we speak, the NAACP is preparing an amicus, or "friend of the court," brief in support of affirmative action and, in particular, the use of race in student affirmative action decisions by State universities. The case, Fisher v. University of Texas, may well determine what strategies continue to be constitutionally permissible.</p>

EDUCATION

1. NAACP reaffirms its position on charter schools and expresses support for the NAACP work around the country including the New York, North Carolina, Missouri and other state conferences of branches in their efforts to bring a quality education to all public school students

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<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms its 2010 Resolution on Charter Schools and commends the New York State Conference of NAACP Branches, the North Carolina State Conferences and Branches and others on their tenacity in standing for the rights of all parents and children by legally challenging their unjust public education system, funded by taxpayers dollars, to develop the fullest potential of all their students.</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NAACP stands unanimous in its support of the New York State Conference of NAACP Branches and its President Hazel Dukes, the North Carolina State Conference of NAACP Branches and its President Rev. Dr. William Barber and others for fighting for high quality public education for all public school students and will not be dissuaded by the vicious attempts to undermine their noble and continuous missions on behalf of America's students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partnered with the New York State Conference, parent and teachers groups to conduct a series of fact finding visits, interviews and negotiations with school and community officials, all of which grew out of our joint lawsuit against the city of New York and resulted in improved conditions for NYC students. ▪ Won revised plans for dividing space and time among charter and traditional school students ▪ Forced a re-examination of school system policies and reinstated access for students to library time, space for physical therapy, dance and science labs. ▪ Brought to the state's attention, student assignment practices and policies that were disadvantaging students in traditional school settings ▪ Convened principals, teachers and parent representatives to create a stronger infrastructure for solving school-level disputes that might arise from co-locations in future.

LEGISLATIVE

1. *Requesting the MOVA Band of Choctaw Indians be Given Full Federal Recognition by the United States of America*

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<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP advocate on behalf of MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians to received their full Federal recognition from the US Federal Government for legal and restoration of their rights as a Native American tribe.</p>	<p>The NAACP supports H.R. 766, the "Mowa Band of Choctaw Indians Recognition Act", introduced by Congressman Jo Bonner (AL) To extend Federal recognition to the Mowa Band of Choctaw Indians of Alabama. The Washington Bureau has also written to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs in support of recognition.</p>

2. NAACP Supports Full Enforcement of the Clean Air Act

ACTION called for by the Resolution	ACTION taken by the NAACP National staff
<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP will call on our nation's elected leaders to support the Clean Air Act and efforts to improve it, oppose efforts to weaken it, postpone, or prevent implementation of the Clean Air Act, undermine the ability to guarantee clean air and healthy communities for this generation and the next; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will support efforts which mitigate impact of coal pollution, including negotiating with plant owners to put in pollution controls and /or convert coal plants to clean forms of energy generation, encourage communities to invest in energy efficiency methods so that such harmful processes won't be as much in demand; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP supports an updated strong final Ozone rule, a standard in the 60-70 parts per billion (ppb) range, preferably at the lower end of the range; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will urge the final Mercury Air Toxics Rule to be released in November of this year; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP will support units to increase community involvement in ensuring that energy related policies and practices do no harm, work with the philanthropic community to support grassroots community organizing as communities become informed and wish to take action on advancing policies and practices to ensure that the US shifts to energy efficiency and clean energy while strengthening regulations to safeguard communities from polluting facilities; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NAACP will support its units in working to improve corporate responsibility in energy production by ensuring that risks are mitigated while community economic and energy needs are being met.</p>	<p>Conducted a Clean Air Op-Ed Blitz whereby 20 State Conference Presidents submitted letters to local newspapers in support of clean air safeguards.</p> <p>Facilitated 25 members from 15 states in providing testimony at the Carbon Pollution Standard Hearings.</p> <p>Filed suit in the protection of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards.</p> <p>The NAACP Washington Bureau has worked hard to defeat several proposals in the U.S. House and the Senate which would in any way impede the ability of the U.S. EPA to implement the Clean Air Act.</p>

3. NAACP Supports Lifting the Debt Ceiling Through at Least 2013

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<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP support a lifting of the debt ceiling through at least the end of 2013; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the best solution to our deficit crisis is a balanced approach of spending cuts and revenue increases.</p>	<p>On August 2, 2011, just one week after the NAACP passed a resolution at its annual convention calling on Congress and the President to increase the debt ceiling through 2013, the President signed into law a bill doing just that.</p>

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<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NAACP calls on all units to identify and fight against these disenfranchising proposals at the local, state and federal levels through civic engagement, advocacy and efforts to educate the people of the jurisdiction of the true impact of these anti-democratic proposals and initiatives; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP urge its Units to oppose any proposed or pending local, state or federal legislation, that makes it harder for citizens to vote; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP respond to these attempts to take away our democratic right to vote through an aggressive campaign of voter registration, education, get-out-the-vote and voter protection; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP reaffirms its support for the Federal Election Assistance Commission and calls on Congress and the President to fully fund this important federal agency; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP utilize its NGO status at the United Nations to coordinate strategies and approaches to leverage the international community in the struggle to eliminate disenfranchising practices within the United States; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP develop a “This is My Vote” campaign to culminate on Election Day – Tuesday, November 6, 2012; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NAACP staff shall conduct in-depth voter registration and education trainings at State Conference conventions across the country, as well as trainings on voter turnout and election protection at the 2012 Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institutes (CRATIs), with phase II of the campaign to be launched at the 2012 annual convention in Houston, Texas; and</p> <p>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that by the King Holiday in 2012, NAACP units will be expected to launch a local voter registration and</p>	<p>The NAACP National Office launched a National Voting Rights Initiative with the goal of supporting state conference to oppose voter suppression measures and advance progressive voting rights reforms as outlined within NAACP policy. The VRI is composed of four national staff members who work full time to advance the NAACP’s agenda to expand voting rights in the United States. Key Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Staff organized a national demonstration of more than 25,000 people at the UN headquarters in New York in efforts to raise the level of outreach to recent voter suppression laws. • Authored and Released a National Report entitled <i>Defending Democracy: Confronting Modern Barriers to Voting Rights in America</i>. Report was released nationally and garnered national and international press. • Worked with State Conferences to oppose voter suppression legislation and/or launch state advocacy campaigns in more than 16 states. Advocacy efforts included strategic communications, direct action support, and strategic campaign development. • Worked in partnership with national allies to launch a series of voter education videos aimed at educating the public on voter suppression efforts and encouraging action among NAACP members. • Launched national website aimed at educated voters on voter suppression measures, new voting laws, and provided an online venue for members to register to vote. The website entitled www.thisismyvote.org has served as a tool kit for national leaders • Voting Rights and Civic Engagement Staff have developed and conducted trainings at all regional CRATI. Staff has trained more than 200 NAACP volunteers and leaders on voting rights strategy and advocacy • In March 2011 the NAACP led an historic delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Council. While at the United

<p>education campaign with clear, measurable and realistic goals.</p>	<p>Nations the NAACP Delegation presented an oral statement before the United Nations, met with UN officials, advocated on UN resolutions, and presented facts on current voter suppression measures with International advocates. The trip garnered national and internal press.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In March 2011 national office worked in partnership with national allies for the commemorative Selma to Montgomery March—the march served to raise awareness to the ongoing attack on voting rights.• In May 2012 the NAACP National Office Launched the This is My Vote Campaign aimed at registering and turning out 600,000 new voters• NAACP National Office has hired CE Coordinators in NAACP Civic Engagement deep dive states.• NAACP National Office has acquired a 50 state van system which will allow NAACP Units and Branches to use innovative technology to register and turn out voters• NAACP has partnered with National Urban League and Black Media to launch 1-866-MYVote 1 hotline which serves as tool to register voters via phone. Black Media outlets are promoting the hotline nationally.• NAACP Staff has engaged in partnerships with the Divine 9 to ensure that each organization’s members are registered to vote and we conduct targeted voter education and GOTV drives among members of the Divine 9• NAACP staff has engaged in partnerships with 11 of the largest Black Faith Denominations, representing 34 million congregants. The program will focus on church bases registration and volunteer drives
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