

## **Three Parks Independent Democrats Resolution on Trayvon Martin**

Whereas the killing last month of an unarmed Florida seventeen year old named Trayvon Martin is a tragedy that has yet to be adequately investigated, and

Whereas Trayvon's family and the country need to know the full truth of what happened on the night of February 26<sup>th</sup> 2012 as well as in any investigation that followed in the weeks since, and

Whereas Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law and its enforcement need to be reviewed since the policy encourages citizens to take up arms against their neighbors and engage in vigilante actions, and

Whereas the killing of Trayvon Martin reveals the all too frequent tendency to racially profile young men of color and suspect them of criminal activity, and

Whereas as residents of New York City we understand the danger of escalating violence and mistrust caused by racial profiling since we are keenly aware of the injustice and disproportionate impact NYPD's implementation of it's "Stop and Frisk" policy has had on young men of color in our communities, therefore

We, The Members of Three Parks Independent Democrats fully support the Department of Justice's decision to investigate this case, and demand that anyone found guilty of wrongdoing be held accountable and punished, and we call for a thorough review of "Stand Your Ground" laws nationwide and the "Stop and Frisk" policies in New York City, and we call for a national examination of the various patterns of racial profiling young men of color in our current society.