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**RESOLUTION ON VOTER PARTICIPATION**

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WHEREAS nearly two million voting age citizens in New York State are not registered to vote,

WHEREAS New York consistently ranks at the bottom in voter turnout nationwide; for example, in 2014, just 20 percent of voting age citizens exercised their franchise, making our state 46th in the nation,

WHEREAS voter suppression efforts are proliferating around the country in the wake of the Supreme Court's 2013 decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*, and

WHEREAS New York should be a leader in expanding voter participation in local, state and national elections, whether a proposed measure requires legislative action and/or a constitutional amendment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Three Parks Independent Democrats calls on the governor and members of the New York State Senate and Assembly to enact legislation and other measures to ensure all eligible voters can make their voices heard, including, but not limited to, early voting, automatic voter registration, better ballot design, and no-excuse absentee voting.