The following Resolution will be considered by the Resolutions Committee at its meeting on January 30, 2025.

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Resolution Condemning Violence Against Women and Supporting Efforts to End Gender-Based Violence

WHEREAS, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) believes in the inherent dignity, equality, and rights of all people and is committed to creating a society in which all individuals are free from violence, harassment, and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, violence against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, trafficking, and other forms of abuse, continues to harm millions of women and girls in the United States and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, gender-based violence has far-reaching consequences for individuals, families, and communities, impacting physical and mental health, economic stability, and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, women from marginalized communities, including women of color, Indigenous women, LGBTQ+ women, immigrant women, and women with disabilities, often face heightened risk and experience systemic barriers to accessing support and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has long been at the forefront of efforts to combat gender-based violence, from then-Senator Biden writing the groundbreaking Violence Against Women Act signed into law by President Clinton in 1994 to the reauthorization of VAWA in 2022 led by Democrats in Congress and signed into law by President Biden; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party remains committed to advancing policies, protections, and resources to prevent violence against women, support survivors, and hold perpetrators accountable;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee unequivocally condemns all forms of violence against women and commits to actively working to eliminate gender-based violence in all its forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC will advocate for robust funding and support for services that assist survivors of gender-based violence, including shelter, healthcare, counseling, and legal assistance, and promote policies that expand access to these services without discrimination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC urges policymakers at all levels of government to prioritize and enact comprehensive legislation aimed at preventing violence against women, protecting survivors, and ensuring that perpetrators are held accountable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNC will work to raise public awareness about the prevalence and impacts of violence against women, encourage educational efforts on healthy relationships and gender equality, and promote community-based initiatives focused on prevention and empowerment; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Democratic National Committee reaffirms its commitment to standing in solidarity with women and all survivors of gender-based violence, working to create a safer, more just society where everyone can live free from fear and violence.