

League of Women Voters: Please sign the North Carolina Community Resolves for Fully Funded Public Education

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Announcement: The League of Women Voters of North Carolina are asking the people of North Carolina to sign the **North Carolina Community Resolves for Fully Funded Public Schools**. The idea for the **NC Resolves** was inspired by the **1775 Mecklenburg Resolves** that railed against tyranny and the fact that the colonists were not represented well in decisions about laws that impacted their lives.

The **NC Resolves**, written by women and men from across the state, describes the impact of the North Carolina General Assembly's failure to meet its responsibility to provide a sound, basic education for all children. The "whereas clauses" summarize tragic facts about where North Carolina stands in relation to other states, for instance,

- NC ranks 48th in per/pupil funding, spending almost \$5,000 less per/pupil than the national average
- NC teachers are poorly paid; they cannot afford to live in Charlotte (and many other cities)
- NC teacher pay ranks 43rd—dropping 5 steps in the last year
- Our public schools serve almost 1.5 millions students and every one of these children deserves to have an effective, certified teacher in every classroom.
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The **NC Resolves** conclude with a Call to Action urging the NCGA to increase teacher pay and fully fund our public schools.

We are asking everyone to click on [this link](#) (or use the QR code on the attached copy of the NC Resolves. We have collected about 700 signatures now and we need at least 1,000 signatures when a delegation of local non-profit and civic leaders will join us to meet with legislators in Raleigh during the week of September 22. Please add your name. *(We will NOT use or share your email address nor will be solicit donations.)*

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