

FINAL ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS 2020 VERMONT STATE GRANGE
AGRICULTURE/ENVIRONMENT

Resolution # 1 Community Food Security Plan and Food Security Act

Submitted by: Milton Grange #522

BE IT RESOLVED: that once the initial food needs have been met, National, State, or Provincial governments offer simple guidelines to encourage fair food distribution. The focus should be on local communities to form a Food Security Committee, with Grange members to play an active part, to study a community's present and future food security needs, in order to be more prepared for future food insecurity situations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this resolution be sent, if passed as is or amended, to the National Grange to be acted upon.

Committee Recommendation: Accept

Delegates: Approved

HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Resolution # 2 Strive for Social and Racial Justice, Equality, and Compassion in Human Relations

Submitted by: Blue Mountain Grange #263

BE IT RESOLVED: that the National, State, and local Granges recognize that the fight for civil rights and equality is as real today as when it was founded in 1867, just two years after the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery was passed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the National, State, and local Granges urge their members to take initiative ***by sponsoring an open public meeting*** in collaboration with other local and national organizations to fight for social justice against the harsh racial practices to which people of color are exposed.

Committee Recommendation: Accept as rewritten

Delegates: Approved

Resolution # 3 School Superintendent Position Consolidation

Submitted by: Marble Valley Grange #567

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Vermont State Grange advocate for consolidation of the present 55 school superintendent positions into 15 school superintendent positions based on the existing 15 technical centers' catchment areas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Vermont State Grange encourage further streamlining and consolidation of school district central office administrative and non-direct-instructional staff positions.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

Delegates: Approved Rejection

Resolution # 4 Use of the Word "Minority"

Submitted by: Heart of Vermont Pomona Grange #34

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Vermont State Grange support the fact that the word "minority" not be used when referring to people.

Committee Recommendation: Reject

Delegates: Approved Rejection

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LEGISLATIVE

Resolution # 5 Rural Broadband Services

Submitted by: Blue Mountain Grange #263

BE IT RESOLVED: Vermont State Grange supports the formation of communications union districts (CUD) under the provisions of 30 V.S.A., Chapter 82 with the purpose of bringing high-speed Internet service (broadband) to underserved rural regions of Vermont, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: this is one alternative that can bring a reliable and affordable, high speed internet option to rural areas with no direct cost to towns and allows for funding to plan and conduct initial network engineering for even larger grants or very low interest loans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Congressional Delegation be given a copy of this resolution for the express purpose of understanding our plight and our needs for continued funding from the federal level through the Federal Communications Commission as well as USDA Rural Development.

Committee: Accept

Delegates: Approved

Resolution # 7 Support for the United State Postal Service

Submitted by: Kingdom Pomona Grange #35

BE IT RESOLVED: that Title 5 of the United States Code be amended to repeal the requirement that the United State Postal Service must prepay future retirement benefits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the offices of Senator Patrick Leahy and Senator Bernie Sanders be mailed a copy of this resolution.

Committee Recommendation: Accept

Delegates: Approved

Resolution # 8 Signs

Submitted by: Bomoseen Valley Grange #273 and New Horizon Pomona #33

BE IT RESOLVED: that these signs must be picked up when the event is over by whomever put them out, and a copy of this resolution be sent to the State.

Committee Recommendation: Rejection

Delegates: Approved rejection

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Resolution # 9 Early Repair of Potholes

Submitted by: Lake View Grange #359

BE IT RESOLVED: that the State Government be a watchdog for early repair of the potholes by the town highways prior to May 15th, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the State Grange forward this on to the proper governmental body in Montpelier.

Committee Recommends: Current Policy