

**RESOLUTION:**

**“TEACHING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WILMINGTON RACE RIOT OF 1898”**

WHEREAS, a commission was created in 2000 by the North Carolina State Legislature to investigate the facts behind the insurrection that took place in Wilmington, NC in 1898 in which a democratically elected and interracial city government was removed by force through voter fraud, intimidation and violence, and

WHEREAS, that commission’s report was made in 2006, and documented the racist nature of the unlawful overthrow of the government, and “lays to rest the myth that the 1898 race riot was necessary to end government corruption,” and

WHEREAS, the facts of that event have been misrepresented in a variety of historical accounts and not mentioned in the teaching of North Carolina history in the public schools of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, Senator Julia Boseman and Representatives Sandra Spaulding Hughes, Earl Jones, Larry Hall and Deborah Ross have introduced bills in the North Carolina General Assembly that requires the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction to include accurate and appropriate material about this event in every grade level where North Carolina history is taught in the public schools and to provide the educational resources for that purpose, and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ firmly believes that all persons are created in the image of God and are loved by God and deserve to be treated with respect, and

WHEREAS, the truth regarding events in the shameful history of racism in our society and in our state should be acknowledged and taught so that all citizens may understand the full extent of the offenses committed against our African American citizens and be able to guard against such actions in the future, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_\_ urges the North Carolina State Legislature to pass bill S-16 or its companion bill, H-264 and to assure that the truth about the Wilmington Race Riot ssssis taught in the public schools of North Carolina, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the sponsors of those bills with our thanks, and to the North Carolina Legislature for its action.