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**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION** celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 on August 6, 2015.

**WHEREAS,** On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law; this landmark piece of federal legislation prohibits racial discrimination in voting; Congress later amended the Act five times to expand its protections; and

**WHEREAS,** the Act was designed to enforce the voting rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, the Act allowed for a mass enfranchisement of racial minorities throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS,** the Act contains numerous provisions that regulate the administration of elections and provide nationwide protections for voting rights; and

**WHEREAS,** the Act requires jurisdictions containing significant language-minority populations to provide bilingual ballots and other election materials; and

**WHEREAS,** the Act has been the single most effective tool in protecting the right to vote and assuring the integrity of the voting process in this century; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the members of \_\_\_\_ commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 on August 6, 2015. We honor its significance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that \_\_\_\_ will continue to protect the rights of voters in \_\_\_\_; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we recognize the great contributions and achievements of our government leaders and civil rights activists for encouraging participation in the democratic process and protecting voter rights.