

NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION ON HUMANE EDUCATION

WHEREAS THE STATE OF NEW YORK REQUIRES THE TEACHING OF HUMANE EDUCATION IN ALL OF ITS PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS;

WHEREAS THE NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE EMBRACED THE NEED FOR ANIMAL WELFARE LEGISLATION INCLUDING HUMANE EDUCATION IN MAY OF 2007;

WHEREAS MANY SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN NEW YORK STATE STILL DO NOT TEACH HUMANE EDUCATION;

WHEREAS HUMANE EDUCATION IS PIVOTAL IN ERADICATING HATE, PREJUDICE, INTOLERANCE AND IGNORANCE, BE IT DIRECTED AGAINST HUMAN OR NONHUMAN CREATURES;

WHEREAS HUMANE EDUCATION EMPOWERS STUDENTS BY GIVING THEM THE TOOLS TO MAKE COMPASSIONATE AND INFORMED CHOICES THAT BENEFIT NOT ONLY ANIMALS, BUT ALSO OTHER PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE URGES THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REMIND ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN NEW YORK STATE THAT SECTION 809 OF THE NYS EDUCATION LAW CALLS UPON ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TEACHING OF THE HUMANE TREATMENT AND PROTECTION OF ANIMALS IN ALL PUBLICLY FUNDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT GROUPS SUCH AS HUMANE EDUCATION ADVOCATES REACHING TEACHERS (HEART), THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMANE EDUCATION, UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS' HUMANE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, THE NEW YORK LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA) BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE IN TEACHING HUMANE EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS AND TRAINING SCHOOLTEACHERS TO INCORPORATE HUMANE EDUCATION IN THEIR CURRICULA.

STATE COMMITTEE MEMBER _____

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