

RESOLUTION 5

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPEN AND FAIR ELECTIONS AND PROTECTION OF OUR RIGHT TO VOTE

- WHEREAS** the right to vote is an essential element of democracy in any country, and the proportion of adult citizens who exercise that right in free, fair, and frequent elections is one measure of how democratic a country is; and
- WHEREAS**, over the course of our Country's history, legislation has been passed to increase and protect our voting rights; including the 14th, 15th and 19th Amendments to the United States Constitution that increased the ability of Ohioans to vote in our elections to previously disenfranchised individuals; and
- WHEREAS** the Supreme Court narrowed the legal force of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act in *Louisiana v Callas* on April 29, 2026, and
- WHEREAS** According to the Brennan Center for Justice, the SAVE AMERICA ACT, if passed by Congress, would block millions of Americans from voting; and
- WHEREAS** Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution for the State of Ohio provides that a citizen of the United States, who is eighteen years or older, who has been a resident of the state, county, township, or ward, such time as may be provided by law, and has been registered to vote for thirty days, has the qualifications of an elector, and is entitled to vote at all elections; and.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

that the 2026-27 BPW/OHIO Legislative Chair and the 2026-27 BPW/OHIO Legislative Consultant are hereby directed to monitor proposed legislation that is introduced in Congress as well as the Ohio House of Representatives and/or the Ohio Senate and keep the membership of BPW/OHIO informed of any developments regarding legislation and/or efforts to limit or restrict our voting rights.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED

that members of BPW/OHIO will reach out to their legislative representatives to support the passage of legislation that ensures easy access to voter registration and the voting process including but not limited to early and mail in voting, online and automatic voter registration, and flexible voter ID options and providing accommodations for disability challenges.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED

that members of BPW/OHIO will reach out to their legislative representatives to oppose the passage of legislation that creates barriers and impediments to voters having easy access to voter registration and the voting process.

Signed by: *Cynthia A McCabe*

Cyndi McCabe 2026 Resolution Chair

May 15-17, 2026

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF May, 2026.