

## **Education Resolution**

**WHEREAS** we support a quality education for every child in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS** such educational excellence in our community public schools requires adequate, equitable, and stable funding to meet the needs of, and educationally challenge each and every student; and

**WHEREAS** the Arizona Constitution stipulates the State Legislature shall enact such laws as shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a general and uniform public school system, including Kindergarten, Common, High, Normal, Industrial schools and Universities; and

**WHEREAS** we believe that any private, for-profit, or non-profit entity, business, or agency that receives public education monies through voucher plans, tax credits, student tuition organizations, or other financial arrangements, must be subject to full accountability and disclosure through measures and regulations as required for public district schools; and

**WHEREAS** the people of Arizona enacted Proposition 301 in 2000 which requires the State Legislature to annually increase public school funding for inflation; and the State Legislature flagrantly ignored the will of the people and even decreased funding for public schools between 2008 and 2014, as noted in judgment by the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona in 2014, and the Legislature continues to withhold those funds due public schools;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democrats of the State of Arizona call upon the Governor and Legislature of the State of Arizona to: Ensure full transparency and accountability by all educational entities receiving taxpayer monies; and to comply with the letter and intent of Proposition 301, and court judgments by immediately restoring all required public school funds, past and future.