



NASS Resolution Granting Specific Members Authority to Negotiate on Behalf of NASS for a New Presidential Primary/Caucus Process that Embodies the Spirit of the Principles Laid Out by NASS

WHEREAS, the nation's Secretaries of State support the adoption of rotating, regional presidential primaries/caucuses to address problems created by excessive frontloading of the presidential nominating calendar; and

WHEREAS, the nation's Secretaries of State recognize the importance of election officials being included in any dialogue concerning the adoption of changes to the presidential primary/caucus process; and

WHEREAS, the nation's Secretaries of State acknowledge the importance of encouraging the Democratic and Republican Parties to swiftly adopt rules establishing a new presidential primary/caucus calendar; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee will make its decision on a presidential primary/caucus calendar for 2012 before the next appointed date when NASS will meet as an entire body; and

WHEREAS, the nation's Secretaries of State acknowledge that any newly adopted presidential primary/caucus plan should strive to allow all voters the opportunity to participate in a meaningful presidential primary/caucus; and

WHEREAS, the nation's Secretaries of State are obliged and committed to protecting the opportunity to vote for all eligible voters, regardless of the state in which they reside;

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) hereby grants the Co-Chairs of the NASS Elections Subcommittee on Presidential Primaries the authority to negotiate with interested parties in order to achieve a presidential primary/caucus plan that embodies the spirit of the principles laid out in the NASS Rotating Regional Presidential Primary Plan.

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in Grand Rapids, MI