



**Resolution #20-08-02**

## **SAVING OUR UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, The USPS, in one form or another, is older than both the United States Constitution and the United States Declaration of Independence. Benjamin Franklin was appointed by the Continental Congress as the first Postmaster General in 1775 serving just over 15 months. Franklin had previously served as deputy postmaster for the British Colonies of North America since 1753, and

**WHEREAS**, The United States Postal Service is a pillar of our American Democracy and is enshrined in the Constitution, which empowers Congress to "establish Post Offices and Post Roads." The Postal Service provides critical services for the American people: delivering medicine to seniors, paychecks to workers, tax refunds to millions and absentee ballots to voters and is an integral part of our US Military , and

**WHEREAS**, It is always essential that the Postal Service be able to deliver mail in a timely and effective manner. During the once-in-a century health and economic crisis of COVID-19, the Postal Service's smooth functioning is a matter of life-or-death, and is critical for protecting lives, livelihoods and the life of our American Democracy.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That the current Postmaster General is now implementing Policies that accelerate the crisis at the Postal Service, including directing Post Offices to no longer treat all election mail as First Class. If implemented now, as the election approaches, this policy will cause further delays to election mail that will disenfranchise voters and put significant financial pressure on election jurisdictions and in May of 2020 the House of Representatives passed the HEROES Act which contained an additional \$25 Billion in emergency appropriations for USPS, and be it

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That the Orange County Democratic Party calls upon Congress to demand that the US Treasury Department to not impose their own hidden and potentially arbitrary requirements to release Congressionally-approved funds violating the intent of the CARES Act and subverts Congressional authority, and to further demand that current Postmaster General Louis DeJoy cease his destructive measures bringing further harm to the USPS by deactivating mail sorting machines, removing Postal Boxes in major cities in battleground states, restricting overtime for postal workers and increasing postage costs for mail-in ballots.

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