

A Resolution to Create a National Week of Voting

- 1 **Whereas**, the elections of the Several States for state and federal offices are held on the first
2 Tuesday following the first Monday of November; and
- 3 **Whereas**, the United States is one of only nine members of the Organization for Economic
4 Co-operation and Development that conducts elections on weekdays; and
- 5 **Whereas**, The United States trails other developed democracies in electoral participation,
6 with only 66.8% of the voting age population casting a ballot in 2020; and
- 7 **Whereas**, only 13 of the Several States consider election day a paid holiday for state
8 employees; and
- 9 **Whereas**, many millions of Americans are unable to vote because of the date of elections,
10 limiting the scope of American democracy; thus, be it
- 11 **Resolved**, That the Several States establish a period of one (1) business week during which
eligible citizens of the United States may vote in federal and state elections.

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