

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS

FROM: AAUW of NORTH CAROLINA

TO: North Carolina General Assembly and North Carolina Association of Educators

WHEREAS, North Carolina teachers provide one of the most important services to the people of North Carolina by educating our future leaders, and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina teacher pay has fallen to forty-sixth (46th) in the nation while class sizes (teacher to student ratio) are projected to increase, and,

WHEREAS, The North Carolina General Assembly passed and the Governor signed into law on July 25, 2013, Session Law 2013-355 (S337) NC Charter School Advisory Board that, while reporting to the North Carolina Board of Education, adds emphasis on the creation of more charter schools. Charter schools do not have to abide by all the regulations of public schools, but are funded with public school education funds.

WHEREAS, The North Carolina General Assembly passed and the Governor signed into law on July 26, 2013, Session Law 2013-360 (S402) Appropriations Act of 2013 freezing teacher salaries, eliminating teacher tenure (career status) and incentive pay for teachers with advanced degrees, providing a voucher program to divert public education funds to private education, and cutting 3,800 teaching assistant positions, and,

WHEREAS, Contacts with the NC General Assembly are needed to support teachers and public education in North Carolina,

BE IT RESOLVED, That <u>AAUW of NORTH CAROLINA</u> declares its support for *public education teachers of North Carolina* to pledge active engagement of its members with current legislators in the General Assembly so as to raise our public education system back to a leading position in the nation.

Date of Resolution: March 29, 2014

Signature of Presiding Officer: Mary A. Peterson

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