

RESOLUTION OPPOSING DIVISIVE THEORIES, SUCH AS “CRITICAL RACE THEORY”, “ACTION CIVICS” AND “THE 1619 PROJECT”

WHEREAS, it is apparent that divisive changes in curricula are being introduced in many North Carolina schools; and

WHEREAS, many of these changes ignore the magnificent history of the United States of America in becoming the beacon of freedom for the entire world; and

WHEREAS, the *1776 Commission* stated that there is “an incompatibility of identity politics with American principles”, and that “Rather than cast aside the serious study of America’s founding principles, or breed contempt for American history, our educational system should aim to teach students about the true principles and history of the entire country—a history that is accurate, unifying, inspiring and enabling”; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of our history with divisive theories such as “Critical Race Theory”, “Action Civics”, and “The 1619 Project” have been or are being considered for adoption as part of the curriculum in many public schools throughout North Carolina and the United States; and

WHEREAS, “Critical Race Theory” is designed to indoctrinate our children by programming them to be ashamed of and divided by race and or ethnicity, and is the opposite of the individual freedoms endowed in each of us by our Creator to live a full and prosperous life; and

WHEREAS, depriving persons of any race, color, creed, religion, gender, or national origin of their God-given Constitutional rights is antithetical to the core beliefs of this Republic and our representative democracy.

WHEREAS, divisive theories such as “Critical Race Theory” are being incorporated into training programs at some corporations and government organizations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners believes the inclusion of such theories in the classroom is an intentional effort to indoctrinate children with a specific political ideology, and that such efforts undercut parents’ ability to mentor their children; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners believes our educational system at all levels should focus on equipping every student, regardless of race, creed or socio-economic status, with the knowledge, technical skills, and soft skills needed to achieve the American Dream by maximizing their God-given talents; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners uniformly believes that divisive theories, such as “Critical Race Theory”, “Action Civics” and “The 1619 Project” have no place in Craven County; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that all divisive theories, such as “Critical Race Theory”, “Action Civics” and “The 1619 Project” be removed from all Craven County Schools curriculum and that the State of North Carolina prohibit its use in any educational setting.

Adopted this, the 2nd day of August, 2021.

Attest:

Jason R. Jones, Chairman
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Nan Holton, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board