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**JOINT RESOLUTION BY GROSSE POINTE DEMOCRATIC CLUB AND LOCAL PARTNERS  
REQUESTING STATE OF MICHIGAN GOVERNMENT AND ALL RELATED AGENTS ADDRESS  
ISSUE OF RACIAL DISPARITY IN STATEWIDE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE  
(RESOLUTION 2020-1)**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan, the United States of America, and the entire world are seeing an unprecedented coronavirus pandemic that is crippling our society and way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan reports nearly 40,000 coronavirus cases and well over 3,000 coronavirus deaths as of Sunday, April 26, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, African-Americans make up approximately 40 percent of coronavirus deaths in the State of Michigan while only accounting for about 14 percent of the population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Board of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club finds this issue deeply concerning and feels that the State of Michigan and its agents should be focusing more attention toward this disparity;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Executive Board of the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and local partners Grosse Pointes-Harper Woods NAACP Branch, Welcoming Everyone Grosse Pointe (We GP), and Macomb County Young Democrats recommend the following actions be immediately taken by the State of Michigan and its agents in a comprehensive effort to mitigate the racial disparity outlined above:

- 1) Ensuring complete and accurate data collection regarding the impact of the coronavirus on the Michigan population, including but not limited to data on age, race, gender, and socioeconomic class;
- 2) Guaranteeing all health insurance companies provide no-cost coverage for all coronavirus-related treatment;
- 3) Offering safe and easily accessible coronavirus testing in every at-risk neighborhood;
- 4) Ensuring safe public transportation by, among other things, providing personal protective equipment (PPE) to public transit operators and masks to passengers, while also limiting the capacity of buses while increasing the number of buses;
- 5) Ensuring equal treatment of essential workers in low-wage jobs who are separate from healthcare workers and first responders;
- 6) Mandating implicit bias training for all frontline healthcare workers;
- 7) Making available convalescent and self-isolation beds to low-wage essential workers so they do not have to risk the health of family members and roommates;
- 8) Assisting at-risk populations with maintaining safe hygiene by ensuring that utilities are not shut off and products like hand sanitizer are made freely available;
- 9) Mandating that all establishments serving the public, particularly in at-risk communities, are using best practices in cleaning their facilities;
- 10) Developing other means to address the disparate impact of the coronavirus on communities of color.