

RESOLUTION

This Resolution is made by the (Name of Organization) in support of the enactment of House Joint Resolution 767/Senate Joint Resolution 942 (referred to as “HJR 767/SJR 942”) which are pending before the 2016 Session of the Florida Legislature.

Whereas the people of Florida have stated in Article IX, Section I of the Florida Constitution that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of the State of Florida and have prescribed in the Constitution that it is a paramount duty of the State to make adequate provision for the education of all children residing within its borders;

Whereas the (Name of Organization) has as one of its major purposes the support of public education and the children of Florida who attend public schools;

Whereas the (Name of Organization) believes strongly in direct accountability when educational decisions are being made and taxpayer funds are being expended;

Whereas the (Name of Organization) believes that such accountability is best achieved when the public officer in charge of the public education system is directly responsive to the public through election;

Whereas currently the office of the Commissioner of Education, who is the head of the Florida Department of Education and oversees the public education system, is an appointee of non-elected members of the State Board of Education;

Whereas the citizens of Florida are deprived effective input into the operation of the public school system in Florida as a result of not having an elected Commissioner of Education and an elected State Board of Education which would be directly responsive to the people of Florida;

Whereas prior to 1998, the Commissioner of Education was elected statewide by the people of Florida and the members of the elected Florida Cabinet served as the State Board of Education, together overseeing the public education system in a manner which was responsive to the electorate; and

Whereas HJR 767/SJR 942, if enacted, will return direct accountability over the public education system to the people of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The (Name of Organization) endorses and supports HJR 767/SJR 942 and the return to elected office of the position of Commissioner of Education as a member of the Florida Cabinet and the replacement of the non-elected Board of Education with the Florida Cabinet as the Board of Education.

The (Name of Organization) encourages all of its members, supporters, representatives and other individuals who believe in having direct voter input into educational decisions affecting the public school students in the State of Florida to actively campaign for and support the enactment of HJR 767/SJR 942.

The (Name of Organization) urges all members of the Florida Legislature to vote for and support HJR 767/SJR 942 and the return to the people of direct accountability over the Florida system of public schools.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE AFFIXED OUR OFFICIAL SIGNATURES TO THIS
RESOLUTION ON THIS THE ____ DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.**

(Name of Organization)

By: _____

(Name of President/Chairman), President/Chairman

Attest: _____

(Name of Secretary or other officer), Secretary/Officer