

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION setting forth the necessity for and the aims of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party subject to amendment and correction by those present at the Walthall precinct meeting.

WHEREAS We, as citizens of Mississippi, recognize the need for a new Democratic party organization which will be open to all citizens (black and white) who believe in the principles of the National Democratic Party, and

WHEREAS such citizens have been excluded from participation in the Mississippi State Democratic Party, and therefore also the National Democratic Party, by the following practices of the Mississippi Democratic Party:

1. Most Negroes are not allowed to register to vote, yet registration is a prerequisite for party membership.
2. Most Negroes, whether registered voters or not, are barred from participation in precinct meetings, and,
3. The State Convention is being held in segregated hotels and auditoriums, and

WHEREAS the Mississippi State Democratic Party has been consistently disloyal to the National Democratic Party's presidential candidates through the use of unpledged electors, and

WHEREAS the State of Mississippi needs new leaders, who will support the principles and platform of the National Democratic Party,

AND WHEREAS it is the aim of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party

1. To represent those citizens who are not satisfied with the principles, platforms and candidates of the Mississippi State Democratic Party.
2. To end discrimination in voter registration and at all levels of party participation.
3. To support the Democratic Party nominee fully and without reservation in the 1964 presidential elections, and
4. To provide the new leadership that is needed in Mississippi to forcefully carry out the principles and platform of the National Democratic Party.

THEREFORE We resolve that the delegation from this precinct be instructed to bring before the Forrest County Freedom Democratic Party convention this resolution stating the need for and the aims of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

This resolution was passed by a majority of the delegates to the precinct convention in _____ County, Mississippi on July 25, 1964.