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R E S O L U T I O N

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WHEREAS, Honorable Harry S. Truman, a candidate for re-election to the office of President of the United States, obviously prompted by the hope of attracting the votes of Communist dominated negroes in the large northern and midwestern cities, has recommended enactment by Congress of laws which are intended to remove for force all social distinction and segregation based on sex, creed, race, or color, and

WHEREAS, the enactment of such laws would seek to change by force customs, traditions and institutions which have existed in America since it was first settled by white men, and which have existed longer than recorded history in every country of the world where the problem was present, and

WHEREAS, such laws would be especially obnoxious and repulsive to the people of Florida and other southern states; would destroy the cherished principles of states rights and local self-government; would result in misunderstanding and violence between white and colored citizens; and the creation of organizations dedicated to the use of force and other repressive methods outside of the law, and

WHEREAS, such laws would have a disastrous effect on the public school system, the amusement, recreation and hotel businesses, and would promote disorder and discord at all public assemblies,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN CONVENTION AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, MARCH 4, 5 and 6, 1948, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the enactment into law of President Truman's so-called and misnamed Civil Rights Program be and the same is hereby opposed.

2. That all citizens and officials of Florida be and they are hereby urged to use their best efforts to defeat President Truman's program.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to:
(a) President Truman; (b) The Governor of Florida; (c) The Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives from Florida; and (d) the Press.

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