



**Republican
National
Committee**

Counsel's Office

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HONG KONG HUMAN RIGHTS AND
DEMOCRACY ACT**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the United States to reaffirm the principles and objectives set forth in the United States – Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, namely that - the United States has “a strong interest in the continued vitality, prosperity, and stability of Hong Kong”; “support for democratization is a fundamental principle of United States foreign policy”; “the human rights of the people of Hong Kong are of great importance to the United States and are directly relevant to United States interests in Hong Kong”; human rights “serve as a basis for Hong Kong’s continued economic prosperity”; and “Hong Kong must remain sufficiently autonomous from the People’s Republic of China to justify a different treatment under a particular law of the United States, or any provision thereof, from that accorded the People’s Republic of China”;

WHEREAS, the policy is to support the democratic aspirations of the people of Hong Kong, as guaranteed to them by the Joint Declaration, the Basic Law, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, the policy is to urge the Government of the People’s Republic of China to uphold its commitments to Hong Kong, including allowing the people of Hong Kong to rule Hong Kong with a high degree of autonomy and without undue interference, and ensuring that Hong Kong voters freely enjoy the right to elect the Chief Executive and all members of the Hong Kong Legislative Council by universal suffrage;

WHEREAS, the policy is to support the establishment by 2017 of a genuine democratic option to freely and fairly nominate and elect the Chief Executive of Hong Kong, and the establishment by 2020 of open and direct democratic elections for all members of the Hong Kong Legislative Council;

WHEREAS, the policy is to support press freedom and journalistic independence, including the continuation of international broadcasting programming in Cantonese that is readily accessible to Cantonese speaking populations in China and in Hong Kong; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee supports the proposed Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, a bipartisan bill proposed by both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, in the above policy positions;

RESOLVED, upon the approval of this resolution, the Republican National Committee shall deliver a copy of this resolution to each Republican member of Congress, all Republican candidates for Congress, as they become known, and to each Republican state and territorial party office.

**As adopted by the Republican National Committee on January 16, 2015.*

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