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## Resolutions to the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council Submission Requirements

Resolutions to be considered at the 121st Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council must be submitted to the (Florida) State Advocate no less than forty (40) days prior to the start of the convention. Therefore, all resolutions are due April 8, 2025, in order to be included in the State Convention Report Book. Please send original signed and sealed resolutions via First Class mail or other means not requiring a signature for delivery (e.g. Email). If sent by email, ensure that the State Advocate actually receives the email (the burden is on the sender to ensure delivery). Note: Any resolution sent via a delivery service requiring a signature will be returned to the sender and will not be considered delivered. Any resolution received by the State Advocate after April 8, 2025, will be considered late and will not be included in the printing of the State Convention Report Book. Late Resolutions (those not received by April 8, 2025) can still be considered for review; however, they must be be hand-delivered to the State Advocate at the State Convention on Friday, May 23, 2025 no later than 12:00 noon for consideration, and the submitter MUST supply the original and seven-hundred (700) copies for distribution to the Delegates and Attendees (no exceptions.)

For Resolution Guidelines, click here.

To Download a Resolutions Template, click here

For a Sample resolution, click here.

The State Advocate will acknowledge receipt of the resolutions via email if a valid return email address is provided. Resolutions received on or before April 8, 2025, will be forwarded to the Resolutions Committee for review and will be printed in the State Convention Report Book.

Resolutions that are adopted at the State Convention will be submitted to the Supreme Council for consideration at its convention. Under the Order's procedures, Supreme Council delegates can consider only those resolutions that have been officially "adopted" by a State Council or submitted by the Board of Directors; therefore, only those resolutions that have been "adopted" by the State Council at the State Convention that the State Council wishes to have "adopted" by the Supreme Council shall be submitted. Resolutions that have not been adopted by the State Council will not be forwarded or sent directly to the Supreme Council. Nor will such resolutions be "referred" to the Supreme Council for its consideration. Simply voting to "refer" the resolution to the Supreme Council for its consideration is an ineffective action. The Florida State Council must affirmatively adopt the resolution in order for the Supreme Council to consider the resolution. "Adoption" of a resolution by the Florida State Council means that the program, policy, or sentiments expressed in the resolution have the support of the delegates to the State Council meeting. By adopting a resolution and submitting the resolution to the Supreme Council, the State Council is stating that it supports the resolution and recommends that the Supreme Council adopt the resolution. For information regarding amendments to state council by-laws, see the Officers' Desk Reference entry concerning Amendments to State Council By-Laws found on the Supreme website.

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