

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS TO THE 2019 AL STATE CONVENTION!**

Below is a sample resolution! Please use this as a guide to prepare your resolution to submit for the 2019 Alabama State Convention. Deadline for submitting resolutions is **September 9, 2019**. You may use as many whereas and resolves as you wish. The Unit President and Secretary must sign and date the resolution.

**Requiring Mandatory Investigations by the Department of Justice of Cases Where Individuals Die While in Police Custody**

**Sponsored By: AL State Conference NAACP (5663SC) Date Adopted: April 23, 2011**

**WHEREAS**, there have been several incidents where seemingly healthy individuals were arrested and taken into custody by local and state law enforcement agencies.

**WHEREAS**, within a matter of hours these individuals experienced severe medical conditions that led to their demise.

**WHEREAS**, these law enforcement agencies in the majority of these incidents stated that their actions were within their policies and procedures and did not cause unnecessary harm to these individuals.

**WHEREAS**, in rare situations does the autopsy report indicate that the cause of death was blunt force trauma or the possible unnecessary actions of law enforcement personnel.

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement continue to deny that they used excessive force and the investigations if any are conducted by another local law enforcement agency which causes the entire investigation to be suspect.

**WHEREAS**, the majority of the time the next of kin is unable to afford an independent autopsy or investigation and the case is closed without ever knowing the real cause of death.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the NAACP draft legislation to present to congress that makes it mandatory for the Department of Justice to investigate all cases in which an individual dies while in the custody of law enforcement regardless of the outcome of the investigations.

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