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## RESOLUTION # 2

**ADOPTED BY  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OFFICIAL HUMAN  
RIGHTS AGENCIES  
58<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ  
September 14, 2006**

**TITLE: VOTING RIGHTS FOR THE ELECTED  
CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND  
THE RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA**

**PURPOSE: SUPPORT FOR VOTING RIGHTS FOR THE  
ELECTED CONGRESSIONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND THE RESIDENTS  
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**WHEREAS**, the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) is a professional association of over 140 state, county, and local human relations commissions in the United States of America and several statutory human rights agencies in Canada that has as its purpose and jurisdiction the elimination of discrimination; and,

**WHEREAS**, our nation is founded on the principles of "one person, one vote" and government by the consent of the governed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provide all citizens of the United States of America with the guarantee of the equal protection of the laws, and gives Congress the power to enforce this guarantee; and

**WHEREAS**, over 500,000 people living in the District of Columbia, the capital of our democratic nation, are denied Congressional Representatives in the U.S. Senate and only one representative in the U.S. House of Representatives with no voting powers; and

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia residents share all the responsibilities of American citizenship, including the payment of over \$3 billion annually in federal income taxes, but are denied

equal civil rights with their fellow Americans living in the states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States has found the United States to be in violation of international human rights law for its disenfranchisement of District of Columbia residents; and

**WHEREAS**, there are serious efforts in many states to re-enfranchise non-citizen immigrants permitting them voting rights in national, state and local elections.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that IAOHRA supports full voting representation for the residents of the District of Columbia by supporting Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and Senator Joseph Lieberman's "No Taxation without Representation Act" (H.R. 398 and S. 195) and similar solutions for full voting representation of District of Columbia residents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the delegates of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference encourages bipartisan support in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate for the "No Taxation Without Representation Act" and encourage IAOHRA members to contact their representative and ask them to be a co-sponsor of this legislation.

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