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Coalition of Bar Associations of Color

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VOTER EMPOWERMENT ACT
OF 2013 (H.R.12 AND S.123)**

Endorsed July 2014

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color (CBAC), organized in 1992, is a coalition created to act as a collective voice for issues of common concern to its member organizations; and

WHEREAS, the member organizations of the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color are the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA); and

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color's mission is "to promote legislation that will improve the economic condition of all American citizens, regardless of race, sex or creed in their efforts to secure a free and untrammled use of the franchise guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and to protect the civil and political rights of the citizens and residents of the United States"; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative John Lewis has filed H.R.12, the Voter Empowerment Act of 2013, in the 113th Congress; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand has filed S.123, the Voter Empowerment Act, in the 113th Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Voter Empowerment Act of 2013 will modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities; protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color will review the bill in its entirety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color supports the passage of the Voter Empowerment Act (H.R.12 and S.123) to seek their support; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the policy of the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

WE, the duly-elected Presidents of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA), hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors.



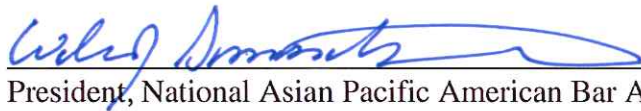
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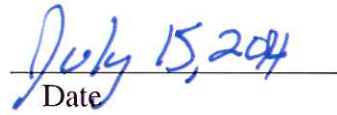
President, Hispanic National Bar Association



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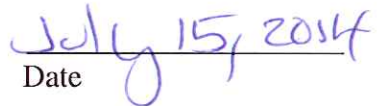
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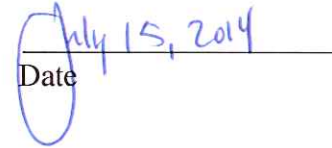
President, National Bar Association



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President, National Native American Bar Association



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