

A RESOLUTION OF THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALLING ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY TO PROHIBIT THE ADOPTION, USE, AND/OR PURCHASE OF ANY INSTRUCTIONAL, SUPPLEMENTAL, TRAINING, AND/OR TEACHING GUIDES THAT INCLUDE OR USE CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND RELATED IDEOLOGIES FROM BEING USED IN ANY CAPACITY IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Passed by the Indian River County Republican Executive Committee - June 9, 2021

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, adopted on July 4, 1776, by the Second Continental Congress, affirms that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal"; and

WHEREAS, the Gettysburg Address, delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863, confirms that "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal", and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, ratified on July 9, 1868, decrees that "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws", and

WHEREAS, Critical Race Theory and related ideologies propagate divisive and untrue concepts that assign fault, blame, or bias to a particular race or to an individual because of his or her race and that individuals of one race should be deprived of basic rights simply because of their race*; and

WHEREAS, Critical Race Theory and related ideologies like the 1619 Project teach that America is racist, foster hate and contempt for America and are rooted in Marxism*, anti-American ideology that has caused untold suffering and death everywhere it has been implemented; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis stated, "Let me be clear, there is no room in our classrooms for things like Critical Race Theory." Florida's Governor further stated that, "Teaching kids to hate their country and to hate each other is not worth one red cent of taxpayer money."; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis and the Indian River County Republican Executive Committee have zero tolerance for state-sanctioned racism, and we adhere to the same principle expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in that we believe "that every child should learn to judge people not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."; and

WHEREAS, it is contrary to the laws of God and nature that an individual's moral character is necessarily determined by his or her race and that individuals should thus be discriminated against in the classroom, the workplace or any public forum or place; and

WHEREAS, according to the instructional material review completed by the Florida Citizen's Alliance, the instructional materials for English Arts, K-5 in the 2020-2021 adoption year are infused with Critical Race Theory and related ideologies; and

WHEREAS, the community is fully opposed to using the School District of Indian River County as indoctrination centers, where specific ideologies like Critical Race Theory and related ideologies are taught; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Indian River County Republican Executive Committee calls on the School District of Indian River County to prohibit the adoption, use, and/or purchase of any instructional, supplemental, training, and/or teaching guides that include or use Critical Race Theory and related ideologies from being used in any capacity in the School District of Indian River County.

^{*}https://www.oag.ok.gov/sites/g/files/gmc766/f/doe_letter.pdf