

## 2020 Platform Resolution PACG Civil Rights Forum

### Issue: Restore Voting Rights to Ex-felons in Iowa

Whereas felony disenfranchisement is a permanent punishment for crimes with lesser periods of punishment;

Whereas people commit crimes at roughly the same rate regardless of race;

Whereas African American Iowans are arrested, tried, convicted and incarcerated at a much higher rate than white Iowans, making Iowa one of the worst states in the nation for racial disproportionality in sentencing and deprivation of the vote;

Whereas the vote is one of the strongest incentives for returning to the community and becoming involved in doing good; and

Whereas Iowa is the only state to permanently disenfranchise ex-felons; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the state of Iowa should restore voting rights to ex-felons, immediately by Executive order of the Governor, and permanently through a constitutional amendment.

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