

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the NASW SC Chapter Board of Directors believes it is a fundamental responsibility of the South Carolina General Assembly to provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free public schools to prepare our state's children for a future of promise; and

Whereas, the NASW SC Chapter Board of Directors also believes it is imperative that such a system of free public schools must foster a variety of superior learning programs so that each of our children is effectively afforded the opportunity to achieve in a rapidly changing world; and

Whereas, the NASW SC Chapter Board of Directors further believes the words "minimally adequate" should not be deemed as acceptable to either describe or define our state's commitment to public education, to public education equity or to public education funding.

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that the NASW SC Chapter Board of Directors supports an amendment of Section 3, Article XI of the Constitution of South Carolina to read:

"The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free public schools open to all children in the State and shall establish, organize, and support such other public institutions of learning, as may be desirable that will provide a high quality education, allowing all students to reach their highest potential."

Approved this **22nd** day of **May, 2009**, by the National Association of Social Workers South Carolina Chapter Board of Directors, assembled at Columbia,

South Carolina, and in testament thereof the signatures of the Board's President and Executive Director are hereto affixed.

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