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Resolution Supporting Precinct Based Optical Scanners

Whereas: Multi-partisan observations of public elections ensures the proper conduct of our elections and the legitimacy of our representative democracy, and

Whereas: The use of paper ballots marked by voters by hand or by use of ballot marking devices by voters with disabilities or minority languages would ensure that the voter's intent is accurately recorded on the legal ballot of record, and

Whereas: the use of electronic voting systems prevents each voter from knowing whether or not his or her intent was accurately recorded because electronic ballots cannot be witnessed by voters or observers, and

Whereas: Neither the display screen of an electronic voting machine nor the voter-verified paper audit record printout is the voter's legal ballot of record, and the tally of votes on the voter-verified paper audit records will not determine the outcome of an election unless 100% of such votes are counted but New York State law only requires the counting of 3% of such votes, and

Whereas: Use of electronic voting machines has resulted in election irregularities, lawsuits, and lower voter confidence wherever they are used, and

Whereas: Precinct-based optical scanners and accessible ballot-marking devices are more reliable, secure, easy to use, and enable observation of election procedures with ballots, and

Whereas: Optical scanners have been successfully used nationwide for over thirty years, and

Whereas: Optical scanners provide the advantages of quick election-day results and accessibility without the risks of wholesale errors or fraud associated with electronic voting,

Therefore: Americans for Democratic Action hereby urges the New York State Board of Elections to certify precinct-based optical scan voting systems for purchase by county Boards of Elections throughout New York State, and

Americans for Democratic Action urges the Board of Elections in the City of New York to select paper ballots, optical scanners, and accessible ballot marking devices as the new voting technology for the City of New York.

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