RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges federal, state, local, territorial and tribal governments to enact legislation to remove voting barriers for Native Americans and Alaska Natives by:

(1) Providing equal access to voter registration and polling sites for Native American and Alaska Natives to increase Native American and Alaska Native access at each stage of the voting process;

(2) Ensuring equal treatment for Tribal identification by directing election officials and voting precincts to treat Tribal identification cards like state and local identification cards for purposes of voting and registering to vote;

(3) Requiring jurisdictions to give notice and obtain consent from Native Americans and Alaska Native Tribes before eliminating the only polling location or voter registration site on tribal lands; closing or moving a polling place or voter registration site to a location one mile or further from the current location; or other aspects of election administration; and

(4) Requiring adequate language assistance by directing states to consult with Tribes on appropriate methods for furnishing instructions, assistance, and other information related to registration and voting under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges the federal government to improve voter outreach and access in Indian Country by:

1. Providing Tribal leaders a direct pathway to request Federal election observers;
2. Requiring the United States Department of Justice to conduct annual voting consultation with Indian Tribes; and
3. Establishing a Native American Voting Rights Task Force under the Office for Civil Rights at the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Justice, in coordination with the Department of the Interior, to provide grant funds to Tribal and state consortiums for purposes of boosting Native voter registration, education, and election participation in Tribal communities; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges Congress to pass the Native American Voting Rights Act of 2019 (H.R. 1694; S. 739), or similar legislation, which removes voting barriers and improve access to voting for Native American and Alaska Native voters.