

League proposing the resolution: Karen Leith, Death Penalty Specialist, LWVO Lobby Corps

Specific League Position(s) the resolution supports: Abolition of death penalty; moratorium

**URGENCY:** Ohio has 6 scheduled executions that have been postponed due to issues with the drug protocol. Since the company that was making the drug used will not allowed it to be used for executions, the State has been trying to find another protocol. The currently proposed one was declared was ruled unconstitutional by the 6<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals on April 6, 2017.

**Body of Resolution:**

Whereas, It has become clear that the current system of executing criminals has been deemed cruel and inhumane;

Whereas, the State has not been able to obtain a drug protocol;

Whereas, task force has issued 56 recommendations, most of which have not been considered;

Therefore, be it resolved that the League of Women Voters of Ohio meeting in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in state Convention on May 5-7, 2017, urges Governor John Kasich to issue a moratorium on all executions.