



Resolution in Support of June Primaries

WHEREAS, September primaries compress general election campaigns to an impossibly short time for candidates to run respectable campaigns, and

WHEREAS, September primaries do not permit voters enough time to learn about the candidates, and

WHEREAS, September primaries force petitioning into the heat of summer when it is extremely inconvenient, unpleasant and unhealthy, and

WHEREAS, September primaries mean that the most intense campaigning must occur in August when many people are away or not tuned into campaigns, and

WHEREAS, New York primary voter turnout is lower than other states where earlier primaries take place, and

WHEREAS, September primaries were only introduced as a political maneuver in 1974 to bolster a particular gubernatorial candidate, and

WHEREAS, CRDC strongly supports processes which encourage active involvement and convenient voting for as many citizens as possible.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Chelsea Reform Democratic Club urges all of New York State's elected officials to move the New York State primary for all offices back to early June.

THE CHELSEA REFORM DEMOCRATIC CLUB
Steven Skyles-Mulligan, President

Sent 2/25/11 to the following individuals:

Christine Quinn, Council Speaker
Dick Gottfried, State Assembly Member
Tom Duane, State Senator
Liz Krueger, State Senator
Keith Wright, Democratic County Leader
John Sampson, Democratic Caucus Leader
Sheldon Silver, Assembler Speaker

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