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A MEMORIAL

Title: Granting Emancipated Minors the Right to Vote

**TO THE HONORABLE DONALD TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN
CONGRESS ASSEMBLED**

We, Your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully Represent and petition as follows:

WHEREAS, Minors who have been granted emancipation by their respective states have previously undergone thorough review in order to prove that they are capable of living independently;

WHEREAS, Emancipated minors who are trusted to be sufficiently responsible for the care of themselves exhibit maturity that warrants the right to engage in local and national politics;

WHEREAS, Upon emancipation, minors are to be granted the rights of the age of majority, which at minimum include; the right to vote, the right to own property, the right to enlist in the military, the right to enter into contracts, and the right to do with their body as they see fit;

WHEREAS, Emancipated minors are currently not allowed to vote despite being classified as a legal adult;

NOW, THEREFORE, We your Memorialists, respectfully request that Amendment XXVI of the U.S. Constitution be modified to allow emancipated minors who are sixteen years of age or older the right to vote in state and federal elections.

BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of the Memorial be immediately sent to the Honorable Donald Trump, President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.