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Dear Chairman Tuck & State Board of Education Members,

**First VICE PRESIDENT**

Marisol Zenteno

The League of Women Voters of Florida respectfully requests that your body consider amending rule **6A-1.094124** to be both more inclusive and reflective of American history.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

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The current language reads as follows:

**TREASURER**

Mark Songer

*"Instruction on the required topics must be factual and objective, and may not suppress or distort significant historical events, such as the Holocaust, and may not define American history as something other than the creation of a new nation based largely on universal principles stated in the Declaration of Independence."*

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Our organization believes the following language would better suit Florida's students moving forward:

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*"Instruction on the required topics must be factual and objective, and may not suppress or distort significant historical events. Instruction on the Holocaust, slavery and Jim Crow laws should be taught in a manner that leads to an understanding of the ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity in a pluralistic society."*

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The League believes it is crucial that history and civics education of the 21st century recognize the difficult and often most painful parts of our nation's history. Combining a fact-based curriculum with strong accountability measures is the best way to equitably develop informed citizens who possess the civic knowledge needed to be continuous learners and informed citizens.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



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