**STANDING RESOLUTION #6**

**2021 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**TITLE: Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Ministries On Eugenics, Neurodiversity and Disabilities**

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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION: Recommend for approval 18-1-0.**

**This petition is: A New Standing Resolution**

**Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:**

We call upon the ministries of the United Methodist Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to focus on issues of physical disability and autistic spectrum disorders in a time of increasing pressure on these communities in public policy. Specifically, we invite our ministries to become more aware of the community needs and concerns regarding issues of Eugenics, Neurodiversity and Disabilities, pursuant to the 2008 Resolution Denouncing Eugenics that directed: "annual conferences to educate their members about eugenics and advocate for ethical uses of science."

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**What will this action accomplish?**

It follows up on the 2008 UMC "Apology for the Support of Eugenics," and encourages action here in our conference.

**Why is it important?**

The marginalization of Disabilities and the lack of recognition of Neurodiversity creates a marginalized and "medicalized" community underserved and often misunderstood both within and outside the church.

**How will it be carried out? By whom?**

The first step in addressing this issue, commonly unaddressed, is to recognize our need to learn, to share and to act. SR 6 will encourage persons to bring their insight and passion to addressing the needs of persons marginalized due to disability and lack of recognition of neurodiversity.

**How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

Ministries themselves may choose to invest funds, time, study and prayer to answering the call to this ministry.