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NJ TEA PARTY GROUPS ANNOUNCE UNIFICATION

Red Bank, NJ – A unified Tea Party movement went from dream to reality on Saturday, July 14 when leaders and designated representatives of sixteen New Jersey Tea Party groups and six conservative advocacy groups convened at the Red Bank, New Jersey headquarters of the Bayshore Tea Party. In the course of a day-long meeting, they unified under the umbrella of an agency organization empowered and governed exclusively by them to act on their behalf.



Although numerous attempts at unification have been made in the three years the Tea Party movement has existed, all have either failed or met with limited success. The present effort was inspired by NJ blogger Gene Hoyas, who proposed a system of unification on his website a little over a month ago.

By a unanimous vote, the delegates committed their organizations to unity and authorized the creation of the American Tea Party Congress, an agency organization governed by a Board comprised of representatives from each of the constituent member groups. This is a crucial and historically important action, as it demonstrates that the Tea Party movement is capable of joining forces in a single organization where all of the member groups retain their sovereignty.

Dwight Kehoe, founder of the Tea Party Advocacy Tracking Hub (TPATH), observed “No longer will the establishment swat away individual Tea Party groups: as of this date, for statewide and national issues, We The People will speak with one voice. There is no doubt this coalition will grow, not only here in the Garden State, but everywhere else. The format and procedures used in putting this together will be a model for every state in the union.”

The next session of the American Tea Party Congress is scheduled to meet on July 28, at which time the group will begin the process of ratifying a charter.

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