

WHEREAS, these state-sanctioned eugenical policies do not stand alone as a single historical example of oppression. These policies were a part of a broad, systemic set of institutionalized attitudes of fundamental marginalization, discrimination, displacement, and disavowal of entire groups of people, specifically Abenaki bands, Vermonters of mixed racial or French-Canadian heritage, the poor, and persons with disabilities.

WHEREAS, these eugenically inspired policies resulted in the sterilization of Vermonters, often without their fully informed voluntary consent, for the express purpose of protecting the so-called "old stock" by keeping the "soil of their seed- bed—the physical and social environment of their children—rich, mellow and weed-free."

And then, perhaps, adding in the first Resolved the phrase "and continue to be harmed as a result of discredited State-sanctioned..."