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2 **Resolution Concerning Nominations from the Floor**

3 Proposer: Stand Committee

4 Resolved, that for the purposes of the Convention to Elect the IX Bishop of Rochester,
5 nominations from the floor (Article VIII, Section 2) shall be accomplished through a petition
6 process prior to the Electing Convention in order to permit adequate background checks for
7 persons so nominated (Article VIII, Section 1a), and be it further

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9 Resolved, that nominations by petition will require a minimum of eight signatories (four Clergy
10 and four lay) from four parishes and two districts in order to meet a standard equivalent to those
11 selected by the Discernment and Nominating Committee, and be it further

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13 Resolved, that nominations by petition will be received by the Standing Committee according to
14 a schedule set by the Standing Committee that will permit all nominated persons to be
15 presented to the Diocese of Rochester at the same time and in the same manner.

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17 Explanation: Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
18 requires that accommodation be made for nominations from the floor in the election of a bishop.
19 Best practices for ensuring that all candidates are qualified for election (Article VII, Section 1a)
20 require that time be set aside for thorough background checks. This resolution permits both
21 standards to be met. It further establishes a standard for nomination congruent with the work of
22 the Discernment and Nominating Committee and also ensures that all nominees will be treated
23 equally in being presented to the diocese.