



## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDER PROTECTING AMERICAN STUDENTS AND COMBATTING ANTI-SEMITISM AT HOME AND ABROAD**

WHEREAS, Anti-Semitism has been defined as, "A certain perception of Jews which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews as rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property or toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities as evidence of discriminatory intent";

WHEREAS, The administration of President Donald J. Trump has been committed to forcefully combating the rise of anti-Semitism and anti-Semitic incidents in America and around the world since January 20, 2017;

WHEREAS, Since 2013, reports show there has been an increase in anti-Semitic incidents and that Jewish students in particular have encountered increased anti-Semitic harassment and violence on American primary and secondary school, college, and university campuses;

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs receiving federal financial assistance, but it does not specifically cover protection for a member of a group that shares a common religious practice, which necessitates federal protection for religious freedom;

WHEREAS, President Trump has called upon Americans to "come together to fight, confront, and eradicate the evil scourge of anti-Semitism";

WHEREAS, The Republican National Committee (RNC) unequivocally condemns anti-Semitism in all its forms and is extremely concerned by the rate at which incidents of severe anti-Semitic crime and discrimination are increasing around the country; and

WHEREAS, On December 11, 2019, President Trump signed an executive order which principally seeks to protect students against anti-Semitic activities, slander and shaming by those who want to inflict physical and psychological harm on others; therefore, be it

*RESOLVED*, That the RNC adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of anti-Semitism, including its contemporary examples of anti-Semitism;

*RESOLVED*, That the RNC calls upon the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to immediately join us in this important stance against anti-Semitism and adopt the IHRA definition in full; and

*RESOLVED*, That the RNC expresses its unreserved support for President Trump's executive order protecting Jewish students and urges all education officials across our nation to provide adequate protection as prescribed in the executive order against all forms of discrimination in the future so that every student may enjoy religious freedom in order to help keep America great.