



RESOLUTION TO CONSERVE HISTORY AND COMBAT PREJUDICE – CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

WHEREAS, The men and women who have made historically significant, positive contributions to humanity are universally complex figures;

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus was a courageous, determined, faithful man of vision, whose voyage to the Americas linked two continents and initiated the exchange of ideas, plants, animals, resources, and peoples, and ultimately laid the foundation for the birth of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, America's uniquely dynamic culture, and the Western Civilizations upon which it is founded, have done more to advance freedom, promote equality, lift people from poverty, and advance human dignity than any other culture, movement, or ideology in human history;

WHEREAS, The expansion of Western Civilization, and the establishment of the United States of America, has led to an ever-improving, free and equal society benefitting all Americans;

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus and his voyage exemplify the contributions that millions of American men and women with Italian heritage have made to our nation's ideals and society; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus, the Catholic fraternal order with an estimated two million members selected at a time of rampant anti-Catholic prejudice, Christopher Columbus as their namesake to recognize and celebrate the indispensable role of a Catholic Christian in the origin of America's adventurous and free national destiny; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee (RNC) supports the celebration of the discoveries and contributions of Christopher Columbus, his courage despite unbelievable hardship, and the role he played in connecting the world and creating a new and dynamic civilization in the Americas;

RESOLVED, That the RNC encourages public educational institutions to celebrate Columbus' unparalleled contributions to human connectedness, his role in the creation of America, and his importance as a figurehead for Americans facing anti-Italian and anti-Catholic prejudice; and

RESOLVED, That the RNC affirms the need to take a strong position in support of our founding ideals, and in solidarity against anti-Italian and anti-Catholic prejudice, by defending Columbus Day as a federal holiday and urging all Republican candidates to do the same.