



**RESOLUTION CONDEMNING WORLDWIDE CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION AND  
SUPPORTING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE  
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

WHEREAS, Americans believe all people are “endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights”;

WHEREAS, The First Amendment enshrines these God-given rights by stating, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”;

WHEREAS, America remains a beacon of freedom to the world, which shines light on the oppressed;

WHEREAS, Christians are the most persecuted religious group worldwide, with 245 million Christians targeted for “high” to “extreme” levels of persecution in 2019, which is a 14 percent increase since 2018;

WHEREAS, Acts of religious persecution are reaching “genocide” levels around the globe;

WHEREAS, According to a 2019 British government report, “Christians constitute by far the most widely persecuted religion” with one in nine Christians experiencing a “high level” of persecution in 2019;

WHEREAS, Over 500 million people are suffering religious persecution worldwide, with the next most persecuted groups being practitioners of Islam and Judaism;

WHEREAS, Government restrictions on religion in the Middle East and North Africa have exponentially increased by all measures over the past decade, and in other locations in Southeast Asia, religious leaders have been told they must incorporate Communist teachings;

WHEREAS, Churches were burned or stripped of crosses, clergy and believers were abducted or killed, and over 1,250 churches were attacked in 2019;

WHEREAS, There has been a pronounced increase in some foreign governments’ favoritism of religious groups, laws affecting religious practice, and limits on religious activity, which are detrimental to the human spirit and each individual’s inalienable rights;

WHEREAS, The Western press corps has been noticeably silent on the persecution of Christians, which, as the *Cambridge University Press* wrote, is “an urgent human rights issue that remains underreported”;

WHEREAS, The United States under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback have created a new holistic approach to confronting religious persecution by working tirelessly to identify instances of persecution, calling out bad actors, and using diplomacy and other methods to encourage improved behavior; and

WHEREAS, The Trump administration organized the first ever Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom in 2018, built upon that success by hosting a Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom in 2019, and is currently planning a Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom in 2020; therefore, be it

*RESOLVED*, That the Republican National Committee (RNC) condemns all religious persecution and fully supports the Trump administration's work in forming alliances with other nations that support religious liberty;

*RESOLVED*, That the RNC condemns government-sponsored persecution towards Christians and all other religious communities;

*RESOLVED*, That the Trump administration via the creation of the Ministerial is setting the global standard in leadership for religious tolerance and civil discourse; and

*RESOLVED*, That the RNC commends President Trump, Vice President Pence, Secretary of State Pompeo, and Ambassador Brownback for their work in confronting religious persecution and promoting religious freedom worldwide.