



Republican National Committee

Counsel's Office

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING EQUAL CITIZENSHIP FOR ALL AMERICANS

WHEREAS, American citizens residing in foreign states are afforded more enjoyment of their rights as citizens of the United States of America than the American citizens residing in the territories of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands;

WHEREAS, the purported legal basis for inhibiting the citizenship of American citizens residing in the territories of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are the so-called Insular Cases;

WHEREAS, the Insular Cases are based upon the racist, segregationist legal doctrine of Plessy v. Ferguson;

THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that all American citizens, regardless of their sex, race, color, ethnicity, religion, or creed, are entitled to the full enjoyment of their citizenship,

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee repudiates the so-called Insular Cases, which are rooted in the same racist, segregationist legal doctrine as Plessy v. Ferguson;

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee calls upon Congress to ensure that American citizens residing in the territories of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands have unfettered enjoyment of their American citizenship, including the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution;

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee favors that the political status, or lack thereof, of the territories of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands be justly resolved; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, signed by the chairman and co-chairman of the Republican National Committee, shall be transmitted upon its adoption by the Republican National Committee to the president of the United States of America, the secretary of the Department of Interior, the assistant secretary of the Department of Interior for Insular Affairs, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources, the chairman of the Senate Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources, and the governors of the territories of Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

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