



Alaska Republican Party

Alaska Republican Party District 29 Resolution Opposing Recall of Governor Michael J Dunleavy

Whereas, Governor Dunleavy's opponents created their recall effort even before the governor took any of the actions about which they now complain; and,

Whereas, Governor Dunleavy's opponents claim their stated grounds should allow them to embroil Alaskans in a divisive and distracting recall election, the superior court has decided to let them proceed, and the Alaska Supreme Court will make the final decision; and,

Whereas, all Alaska voters should consider exactly what the pro-recall group is claiming and ask themselves whether these charges actually justify holding a special election to nullify the votes of the 145,631 Alaskans who voted for Mike Dunleavy in 2018; and,

Whereas, recall proceedings are supposed to be for "cause," which means "lack of fitness," "incompetence," "neglect of duties," or "corruption," not for disagreements about policy, or because some groups are disappointed by the outcome of the general election; and,

Whereas, if a recall based on these latter "grounds" is permitted to go forward, we now have a new playbook for recalling future governors; if the current petition is sufficient, the losing side in future elections will always be able to concoct "grounds" sufficient to prompt a recall election; and Alaskans would be ill-served by such a lax process, which virtually guarantees perpetual "re-do" elections over vague and inconsequential issues; and,

Whereas, right now, Alaskans are faced with many other more important challenges, such as the persistent budget deficit; government has disappointed in so many ways in spite of Alaska's extremely high per capita state spending, and we need to come together to fix this, not be torn apart by a destructive recall election; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: The Alaska Republican Party unequivocally opposes the recall of Governor Michael J Dunleavy; and, be it further

Resolved: all Alaska Republican Party State, District and Precinct leaders are urged to activate grassroots opposition to the pending recall effort; and, be it finally

Resolved, all Alaska voters are urged to vote in opposition to any upcoming recall election of Governor Michael J Dunleavy.

Requested by: Mike Tauriainen
Mike Tauriainen, District 29 Chair

Approved January 24, 2020,

Glenn Clary

Glenn Clary, Chairman

On behalf of the Alaska Republican Party State Central Committee.