



### **Alaska Republican Party Resolution in Opposition to the “Better Elections” Ballot Initiative**

Whereas, the “Better Elections” ballot initiative is pushed by outside special interest groups, including the Colorado-based PAC Unite America, which spent over a million dollars to place it’s “Better Elections” ballot initiative on the November 2020 ballot in Alaska; and,

Whereas this proposed new voting system creates a single primary in which the top four candidates advance to the general election, thus enabling candidates from the same party to advance; and,

Whereas this new system seeks to mask the true political affiliations of the primary candidates, such that voters whose party is not represented in the general election are thus disenfranchised; and,

Whereas candidates who win the popular vote likely do not ultimately win office due to the ranked choice portion of the initiative, because the arbitrary discarding of votes creates only the illusion of a majority vote, at the expense of voters’ rights to have their votes for a preferred candidate counted; and,

Whereas many states and municipalities that previously implemented the same proposals in the “Better Elections” ballot initiative have subsequently sought to repeal them; and,


Whereas Alaska Republicans are united in their opposition to the “Better Elections” ballot initiative; now be it therefore:

*Resolved* that the Alaska Republican Party unequivocally opposes the passage of the “Better Elections” ballot initiative; and,

*Resolved* that all Alaska Republican Party state, district and precinct leaders are urged to activate grassroots opposition to the “Better Elections” ballot initiative; and,

*Resolved* that all Alaska voters are urged to vote in opposition to the “Better Elections” ballot initiative.

Passed by the Alaska Republican Party State Central Committee this 11th of July, 2020.

  
Glenn Clary, ARP Chairman