



Alaska Republican Party

A RESOLUTION BY THE ALASKA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FINDING REPRESENTATIVE KELLY MERRICK, HOUSE DISTRICT 14, ENGAGED IN ACTIONS DETRIMENTAL TO THE ALASKA REPUBLICANS AND TO REPUBLICAN VALUES AND GOALS BY FORMING A COALITION IN WHICH DEMOCRATS HOLD THE MAJORITY WHEN A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY HAS BEEN ELECTED BY HER VOTE TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVE LOUISE STUTES AS SPEAKER OF THE ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 32nd LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Kelly Merrick represents District 14 in the Alaska House of Representatives which includes the geographical area approximately south of Eagle River Loop Road; west to the Old Glenn Highway; south to Eagle River Road; west to Artillery Road; east of the Glenn Highway; east of the residential area on Muldoon Road; and north of the Bear Valley, Indian Valley, and Girdwood areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Republican Party District 14 Executive Committee on February 17, 2021 voted unanimously to **CENSURE** Representative Kelly Merrick for her vote to install Representative Louis Stutes as Speaker of the House for the 32nd Legislative Session of the Alaska House of Representatives; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Republican Party District 14 Executive Committee on March 3, 2021 met with Representative Merrick and resolved to **RECALL** Representative Kelly Merrick from the 32nd Legislative Session of the Alaska House of Representatives; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Republican Party District 14 Executive Committee established an Ad-Hoc Committee on March 17, 2021 to review and address potential actions to the March 3, 2021 District 14 resolution that called for the **RECALL** of Representative Merrick and to report back to the district at a future meeting.

WHEREAS, the Ad-Hoc Committee met on March 31, 2021 and reviewed Article 1, Section 4(f)(3) and (4)(f)(4) of the Alaska Republican Party Rules, as it pertained to District 14's censure resolution and potential action by the Alaska Republican Party District 14 Committee and the ARP State Central Committee (SCC). Discussion was held and there was consensus that Representative Merrick had violated this Rule by voting for Representative Louise Stutes to become the Speaker of the House, thereby giving Speaker Stutes the authority to form a coalition with Democrats when a majority of Republicans had been elected to the House of Representatives for the 32nd Legislative Session. Following committee discussion, it was agreed that District 14 should pass a new resolution at the next District 14 Committee meeting which specifically states a violation to Article 1, Section 4(f)(4) and then forward the resolution to the SCC for action at the next SCC meeting seeking a SCC censure of Representative Merrick; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Republican Party District 14 Committee met on April 21, 2021, unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Ad-Hoc Committee's findings and agreed to present a resolution to the State Central Committee for action at their next meeting; and,

WHEREAS, Representative Kelly Merrick, has failed to perform her duties as a Representative of District 14 in her commitment to not join a Democrat controlled coalition by deceitfully permitting such action to occur based on her being the sole Republican vote to install Representative Stutes as the House Speaker.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The State Central Committee of Alaska Republican Party hereby will not support any future political position within the State of Alaska on behalf of Representative Kelly Merrick and will not endorse, campaign, raise funds, or sponsor any event for which Representative Kelly Merrick seeks to pursue. These actions are taken under the authorization of the Alaska Republican Party Rule, Article 1, Section 4(f)(4).

PASSED AND APPROVED July 10, 2021.

Ann Brown

Alaska Republican Party Chair