

## **RESOLUTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM**

WHEREAS, Anti-Semitism has been defined as, "A certain perception of Jews which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities";

WHEREAS, Religious freedom and tolerance is one of the foundational principles of the United States and intrinsic to the furtherance of America's greatness;

WHEREAS, The Democrat Party has not only failed to condemn anti-Semitism in its ranks, but in some cases elevated virulently anti-Semitic Democrats to positions of influence and prominence;

WHEREAS, Nancy Pelosi described Rep. Ilhan Omar as a "valued member" of the Democrat caucus despite Omar equating America and Israel to the terrorist organization Hamas, accusing Jewish Americans of dual national loyalty, and furthering anti-Semitic tropes by accusing supporters of Israel as being motivated by money;

WHEREAS, Other influential Democrat officials such as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rep. Ayanna Pressley, and Rep. Rashida Tlaib have also drawn condemnation from the Jewish community for anti-Semitism and yet maintain prominent party platforms which amplify their anti-Semitic behavior;

WHEREAS, Amid growing anti-Semitism in the Democrat Party, violent and disturbing attacks on the U.S. Jewish community have been on the rise, including a 37% increase in anti-Semitic hate crimes in New York City this year, compelling a group of 200 rabbis to directly attribute the rise in violence to the rhetoric of anti-Semitic elected Democrats;

WHEREAS, The Alaska Republican Party unequivocally condemns anti-Semitism in all its forms and is extremely concerned by the rate at which incidents of severe anti-Semitic crime and discrimination are increasing around the country and even in our state; and

WHEREAS, The Republican Party has remained steadfast in its support for Jewish Americans to live free of fear from violence and discrimination, and has repeatedly reaffirmed its support for Israel in the face of continued anti-Semitic terrorist attacks; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Alaska Republican Party expresses its unreserved support for Jewish Americans, wholeheartedly condemns anti-Semitism as un-American and hateful behavior.

Passed by the Alaska Republican Party State Central Committee this 9th day of October, 2021.

Ann Brown