

## **RESOLUTION**

*WHEREAS the undersigned members of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee stand unified in support of an inclusive party and celebrate the diversity of its members;*

*WHEREAS all forms of hatred including racism and bigotry are completely inconsistent with the Republican Party's platform that states "all Americans stand equal before the law" we proclaim that those putting forth an agenda of hate and intolerance have no place in the Republican Party of Massachusetts;*

*WHEREAS we recall that the Republican Party was founded in the struggle against hatred, bigotry, and racism and that we affirm, as did the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."*

*WHEREAS the Republican Party subsequently led the fight to assure all human beings have equal standing before the law, promoting instead the foundational idea that each person be judged as an individual on merit and by no other measure;*

*WHEREAS the struggle to affirm the equal moral status of each individual regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, sexuality, etc.; while maintaining and nourishing our union as a single people, continues to animate the Republican Party today, especially in these times of tension when the Massachusetts GOP needs to come together rather than divide.*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Massachusetts Republican Party welcomes each citizen committed to the struggle both for equality among individual human beings and for a more perfect union among all the people in our Commonwealth and our Country;*

*RESOLVED that the Republican Party continues its historical struggle for individual rights and empowerment and rejects intolerance, prejudices - including the policies and promoters of same;*

*RESOLVED that subscribing to the philosophy that a person's gender, race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, sexuality, etc. should determine one's standing, rights, opportunities, or duties within our Party or as a citizen of the United States is not consistent with the philosophy of the Massachusetts Republican Party;*

*RESOLVED that bigoted and hateful beliefs are repulsive, evil, and have no fruitful place in the Massachusetts Republican Party, and*

*RESOLVED that we urge swift condemnation of any member espousing any such hateful ideology, rhetoric, or action and affirmatively state that they shall find no quarter within the Massachusetts Republican Party and shall not be allowed to serve as an elected member of the Republican Party or run for office as the Party's nominee.*