



Republican National Committee

Counsel's Office

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND THE EFFORTS OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS AT HOME AND ABROAD

WHEREAS, Religious freedom is the foundation of the human spirit as created by God;

WHEREAS, Americans believe that all people have a God-given right to form and hold religious beliefs without interference by government, religion, or people;

WHEREAS, Across the globe religious persecution still exists in the form of state-sponsored action, as well as from terror and hate groups who fear religion as a weapon against their domination of peoples;

WHEREAS, Two hundred and forty-five million Christians are at risk of severe persecution rising to the international definition of genocide in parts of the world;

WHEREAS, Acts of religious persecution continue to be carried out against Christians, Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, and many other religious minorities throughout the world;

WHEREAS, Religious persecution today takes many forms including murder, sexual violence, torture, imprisonment, forced conversion and reeducation, forced labor, economic sanction, restrictions on association, inability to practice and pray, intimidation, removal from their homes, as well as destruction of religious institutions, books, places of worship, and historic religious sites; and

WHEREAS, The United States under the leadership of President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have placed a high priority on identifying and eliminating religious persecution perpetrated against all religious groups and have actively worked towards freedom of religion throughout the world through the United States State Department Office of International Religious Freedom; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee (RNC) condemns all forms of religious persecution and tyranny against all religions and all men and women of conscience, wherever it exists, and commends the efforts of the Trump administration who stand firmly in support of religious freedom; and

As Adopted by the Republican National Committee

RESOLVED, That the RNC supports the immediate release for all prisoners of conscience, wherever they may be, and a return to their families and communities without delay.