

# Alaska District 1 Republican Committee

## RESOLUTION #22-01

**A resolution censuring Former Governor of Alaska Sarah Palin and her candidacy for Alaska's sole seat in the United States House of Representatives.**

### RECITALS

1. **WHEREAS**, Sarah Palin, as a candidate for Governor of Alaska in September 2006 told the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce "The money that's been appropriated for the project [the bridge to Gravina], it should remain available for a link, an access process as we continue to evaluate the scope and just how best to just get this done," and she further stated "This link is a commitment to help Ketchikan expand its access, to help this community prosper."<sup>1</sup>; and
2. **WHEREAS**, Sarah Palin, while she was Governor of Alaska and in her first speech as the 2008 Republican Vice-Presidential Nominee, campaigned by saying she had told Congress "'thanks but no thanks' on that bridge to nowhere [funding]", referring to the proposed bridge to Gravina island, when she had, in fact, accepted the funds and just redirected them to other projects in the state<sup>2</sup>; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Sarah Palin, as demonstrated in the previous two recitals, intentionally misled the general public and the people of Alaska by misrepresenting her previous positions on the "Bridge to Nowhere" purely for political gain, and was blatantly dishonest as to how she accepted and used the federal funds originally designated for said bridge on other projects; and
4. **WHEREAS**, Sarah Palin resigned from the Governorship of the State of Alaska effective July 26, 2009, departing from the office she was elected to in 2006 by the people of Alaska more than one year before the end of her term; and
5. **WHEREAS**, Sarah Palin said in an interview with ABC News on July 7, 2009, prior to her resignation, made the excuse that "a major factor in the decision [to resign] was the mounting legal bills she and the state have had to incur to fight ethics charges from her political adversaries."<sup>3</sup>; and
6. **WHEREAS**, upon her resignation, Sarah Palin continued to pursue various political aspirations and other endeavors to benefit herself financially, which were not conducive to her fulfilling her term as Governor and there was never any further mention of the "the mounting legal bills" she had to incur or had incurred; and
7. **WHEREAS**, Sarah Palin, in 2014, enthusiastically endorsed the ticket of Bill Walker-Byron Mallott for Governor and Lt. Governor<sup>4</sup>, who went on to win the General Election in one of the closest Gubernatorial contests in State history; and
8. **WHEREAS**, even after the disastrous term of Bill Walker and Byron Mallott, Sarah Palin has shown no regret or remorse for her endorsement of their ticket in 2014, which likely helped propel them to victory, and has not endorsed a Republican for the office of Governor of Alaska since then; and
9. **WHEREAS**, Sarah Palin has not participated in Alaska Republican Party events at the State or Local level, assisted Republican candidates in Alaska, or contributed to Alaska Republican causes or candidates in many

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years; and

10. **WHEREAS**, Sarah Palin only re-emerged to seek public office in Alaska upon the death of our State's longtime U.S. Congressman, Don Young, when the most convenient and expeditious opportunity to return to power presented itself.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The District 1 Committee of the Alaska Republican Party hereby formally censures Sarah Palin and her campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives, and shall withhold any and all forms of support for her candidacy; and
2. The District 1 Committee of the Alaska Republican Party hereby recommends to the State Central Committee of the Alaska Republican Party that a resolution in similar form be adopted at the next meeting of the State Central Committee.

### **SOURCES:**

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