

Resolution in Support of the Resignation of Governor Ralph Northam

Whereas the Alexandria Democratic Committee fully supports the joint statement of our Chair, Clarence Tong, with the Chairs of Arlington, Fairfax, and Falls Church, calling for the resignation of the Governor;

Whereas we support the opinion of our Virginia Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, all seven of Virginia's Democratic Members of Congress, Attorney General Mark Herring, the Congressional Black Caucus, Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, Virginia Senate and House Democrats, Democratic Party of Virginia, Alexandria Mayor, Vice Mayor, Members of the City Council, and the national, state, and local Alexandria NAACP that Governor Northam should resign;

Whereas we are fortunate to have a capable and competent Lieutenant Governor in Justin Fairfax, who is ready to step in;

Whereas Virginia has a long, painful history of racism, slavery, and segregation, and we cannot condone past, present, or future actions that will inhibit the future of the Commonwealth;

Whereas the Governor continuing in office will impair the chance to push forward progressive legislation;

Whereas, the Democratic Party is committed to inclusivity, diversity, and policies to support African American and other historically underrepresented groups, in direct contrast to the President and his Republican Party.

Therefore, the Alexandria Democratic Committee thanks Governor Ralph Northam for his service and calls on him to resign immediately so Virginia can heal and move forward together.