

## A RESOLUTION

### of the New York State Democratic Committee to Censure Governor Andrew M. Cuomo for Conduct Unbecoming His Office

*February 22, 2021*

**WHEREAS** for over a year our state has been in the grips of a once in a century public health emergency and economic crisis;

**WHEREAS** Governor Andrew Cuomo sought and was given unprecedented, virtually absolute, control over the statewide response to these dual crises;

**WHEREAS** as a result of an advisory from the Cuomo Administration to nursing homes dated March 25, 2020 more than 6,000 COVID-19 positive patients were admitted to nursing homes in New York;

**WHEREAS** more than 12,000 patients at New York nursing homes died of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS** the Cuomo administration undercounted this total in public reporting by 50% and this was only revealed after an investigation by Attorney General Leticia James;

**WHEREAS** Governor Cuomo placed into the 2021 Budget a provision to protect nursing home and hospital executives from liability for poor decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic except in the very difficult to prove case of gross negligence;

**WHEREAS** the Cuomo administration repeatedly stymied and refused to comply with requests for information regarding COVID-19 in nursing homes from the New York State Senate and Assembly;

**WHEREAS** the Cuomo administration admitted to legislators that its lack of cooperation with the aforementioned information requests was due to fear of political accountability from the public and legal accountability due to an investigation by the United States Department of Justice;

**WHEREAS** Governor Cuomo himself has personally and inappropriately threatened members of the legislature with retribution if they do not cease examining the nursing home tragedy and working towards accountability;

**WHEREAS** during this entire ordeal Governor Cuomo has never taken responsibility for his administration's Order of March 25, 2020 and its results and has instead sought to deceive the public, the legislature, and the U.S. DOJ and frame the issue as one of partisan politics rather than a genuine concern; and

**WHEREAS** during this entire ordeal where the governor claims to not have had time and human resources to comply with requests for information, the governor did have time to write a book congratulating himself for New York's COVID-19 response, have a self-congratulatory poster created and circulated before the worst of the pandemic was over, and have a COVID-19 mountain sculpture made to celebrate NY defeating COVID-19 prior to the worst of the pandemic hitting the state;

**THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED** that the we the State Committee of the Democratic Party of the State of New York do hereby censure Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and further demand that he cease his belligerent conduct, cooperate openly with all investigations, and make a full apology to the people of the State of New York.

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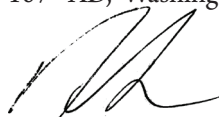
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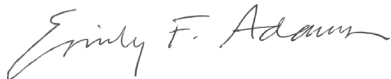
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