



Portsmouth Democratic Town Committee

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RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE KEITH ELLISON AS DNC CHAIR

WHEREAS: there will be an election for Chair of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), voted on by members of the DNC from around the country; and

WHEREAS Democratic Congressman Keith Ellison (MN-5) co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, has been elected to six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and two terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives and is running for the position of DNC Chair; and


WHEREAS Congressman Ellison, has been endorsed by an extraordinary array of Democratic leaders across the party's ideological and demographic realm including Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Bernie Sanders, former Senator Harry Reid, Senator Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Senator Tammy Duckworth, Congressman Elijah Cummings and Congressman John Lewis and has also been endorsed by many important organizations including the AFL-CIO, United Steelworkers, American Federation of Government Employees, Communications Workers of America, MoveOn.org, and Democracy for America, as well as leaders such as Randi Weingarten (President of the American Federation of Teachers), New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, and Lee Saunders (President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) (see full endorsement list at: keithfordnc.org/endorsements); and

WHEREAS, knowing the importance of state and local elections as a former state legislator, Congressman Ellison has committed, to support not only a 50-state strategy, but a 3,143-county strategy and has vowed to ban all donations to the DNC by corporate lobbyists (an action taken in 2009, but reversed in 2016); and

WHEREAS Ellison's principal opponent for the position of DNC Chair, Secretary of Labor Tom Perez, has only once been on a ballot – in 2002 for Montgomery County (MD) Council –, and has limited fundraising and Democratic party leadership experience;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Portsmouth Democratic Town Committee hereby endorses Democratic Congressman Keith Ellison as Chair of the Democratic National Committee and we call on all of Rhode Island's Democratic party committees and elected officials to publicly endorse and support the candidacy of Keith Ellison for DNC Chair and we call on all of Rhode Island's DNC members to both publicly endorse and ultimately vote for Keith Ellison in the 2017 election of DNC Chair.

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Attested By: 
Leonard Katzman, Chair