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### **STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY SPEAKS OUT AGAINST WHITE SUPREMISM & SENSELESS DEATHS IN CHARLOTTESVILLE TODAY; CALLS ON PRESIDENT TRUMP & RHODE ISLAND & NATIONAL GOP TO CONDEMN RACISM IN ALL FORMS**

**WARWICK, R.I.** – “We absolutely condemn the actions of white supremists and racism in this nation, and in the tragedies endured today in Charlottesville,” said Rhode Island Democratic Party Chair Joseph M. McNamara today. “This is not who we are as Americans,” he said. “The deplorable hatred shown today by the White Alt movement has been empowered by this White House and must be condemned by this President, who has turned a blind eye to these kinds of actions. Today’s tragedy demands a loud, vocal condemnation by members of the Rhode Island Republican Party and the national G.O.P.”

“We extend our deepest condolences to those who were lost or injured in today’s rally –and it is now on President Trump, his administration, this state & national GOP to do no less. We stand united in opposing the hatred and bigotry of the White nationalist movement. We also mourn the loss of those whose lives were lost today in the violence that took place today in Charlottesville and those who were injured senselessly in this violence. We all have the right and obligation to speak up against bigotry and hypocrisy when we are confronted with it.”

“As Governor McAuliffe said “there is no place for this bigotry,” in our society and we must object to it whenever it presents itself.

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