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**STATEMENT BY RHODE ISLAND DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR
ON RESIGNATION OF GENERAL MICHAEL FLYNN
*R.I. Chair Joins National Leaders in Call for Investigation of Ties to Russia***

WARWICK, R.I. – “This nation’s security and the very foundation of our democracy have been imperiled by the reckless actions of former General Michael Flynn, and his resignation was long overdue. We are left wondering about the nature of his connections with Russia and Putin’s regime, and who else in the Trump administration may have been involved,” said Rhode Island Democratic Party Chair Joseph M. McNamara.

“Flynn, as national security adviser, was entrusted with vital and the most sensitive information. He has admitted having conversations with a Russian ambassador *prior* to the inauguration that appear to have been about sanctions imposed by the Obama administration, which in itself may be a violation of law. What else was he negotiating with Russia and Putin?

“He also lied to a sitting Vice President and jeopardized Pence’s credibility with the public and the media but more importantly, threatened the very safety of this country, its people and democracy.

“Our delegation has rightfully joined the chorus of congressional leaders calling for an immediate investigation of the ties of this Administration to the Russian government. We fully support their efforts: this investigation cannot come soon enough,” said McNamara.

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