



**TOWN OF DOVER**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018- 178

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF  
THE TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
FORMALLY CENSURING ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN BLACKMAN**

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that every member of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover conducts themselves with the highest standards of honesty, integrity and ethical conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2018 primary election cycle, Alderwoman Carolyn Blackman disseminated, and personally handed out, campaign literature attributed to the "Committee to Elect Carolyn Blackman" that espoused that the Seventh Day Adventist Church practices racial segregation; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by this honorable body that this type of vitriol is divisive, dishonest and poisonous to the residents of the Town of Dover; and

**WHEREAS**, in the same piece of literature, Alderwoman Carolyn Blackman further dishonestly alleges that she was removed from the Mayor's Fishing Derby and barred from visiting the Recreation Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderwoman Blackman has been found to be dishonest in her depictions of these events and that her actions have actually violated the provisions of Chapter 2-8 (H) of *the Code of the Town of Dover, Administrative Powers*, which states: "[E]xcept for the purpose of inquiry, the governing body and its committees shall deal with the administrative service solely through the Municipal Administrator, and neither the Mayor and Board of Aldermen nor any of its committees shall give orders, publicly or privately, to any subordinates of the Administrator;" and

**WHEREAS**, *Robert's Rules of Order* states that ". . . an organization or assembly has the right to make and enforce its own rules, and to require that its own members refrain from conduct injurious to the organization or its purposes;" and

**WHEREAS**, *Robert's Rules of Order* lists formal censure as an allowed form of disciplinary action which a body may use regarding the conduct of one of its own members; and

**WHEREAS**, upon executing the oath of office, each member of the Board of Aldermen swears to uphold the constitutional oath of office, which states that he or she will "support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this State, and the laws and ordinances of the Town of Dover;" and

**WHEREAS**, one of the governing principles upon which our nation is founded is the "Rule of Law," which means that the law is uniformly applied to all citizens, and that no individual citizen has a status "above the law"; and

**WHEREAS**, *Robert's Rules of Order* states the purpose of formal censure is to correct conduct and behavior; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover that Alderwoman Blackman's conduct and behavior as set forth in greater detail hereinabove constitutes misconduct, is divisive, discriminatory and violates the highest standards of honesty, integrity and ethical conduct required of elected officials in the Town; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that Alderwoman Blackman's conduct and behavior is hereby condemned in the strongest of terms; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that a formal censure of Alderwoman Blackman is hereby issued for her conduct and behavior; and be it

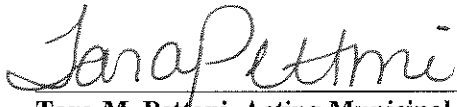
**FURTHER RESOLVED** that Alderwoman Blackman must hereby refrain from any further similar conduct or behavior; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that Alderwoman Blackman must familiarize herself with the provisions of the *Code of the Town of Dover* that touch upon the powers and duties and responsibilities of the position of Alderwoman; and be it

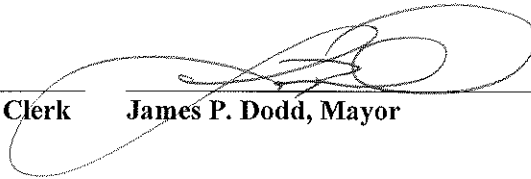
**FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall have immediate effect and shall be posted in full in the official minutes of this governing body and shall be published in full in English and Spanish in the official newspaper and on the website of the Town of Dover.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS**



Tara M. Pettoni, Acting Municipal Clerk



James P. Dodd, Mayor