RESOLUTION TO REQUEST GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM PROVIDE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL PROTECTION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. AND NICOLE SHANAHAN AS THE OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY IN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Dignitary Protection Section (DPS) of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is responsible for the protection of state constitutional officers, other elected officials, and, as directed, protective services to national and international dignitaries who are visiting California on official business;

WHEREAS, The American Independent Party of California has named Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to represent the party as candidate for President and Nicole Shanahan as candidate for Vice President in the state of California for the 2024 National election, qualifying both as national dignitaries visiting California on official business while campaigning for the national election on November 5, 2024;

WHEREAS, the state of California has more registered voters than any other state in the Union, and the American Independent Party is the third largest political party in the state of California, representing more than 835,000 registered voters, which is more voters than total registrations in Wyoming, Vermont, Alaska, North Dakota, South Dakota, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Rhode Island, Montana or Hawaii;

WHEREAS, Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s father, Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968 while in California campaigning for the office of President of the United States, the day after winning California’s 1968 Democratic Party presidential primary;
WHEREAS, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is running for President of the United States independently of the two major political parties, and is therefore vulnerable to political maneuvers to intimidate his candidacy rather than follow the spirit of the law that provides U.S. Secret Service protection to major presidential candidate;

WHEREAS, the other major presidential candidates are already receiving protection from the U.S. Secret Service, per 18 U.S.C. 3056(a)(7), but the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security has thus far refused to allow Robert F. Kennedy Jr. the same candidate protection, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the American Independent Party of California hereby formally calls upon California Governor Gavin Newsom to atone for the state's failure to protect Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s father more than 50 years ago, by providing the members of the Kennedy-Shanahan ticket and their families CHP protection as befits national dignitaries while they are in the state of California from now until the national election November 5, 2024.