



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FALLEN JOURNALISTS MEMORIAL Enacted by the RTDNA Board of Directors September 7, 2019

Whereas, Four American journalists and one staff member of the *Capital Gazette* newspaper were shot and killed in Annapolis, Maryland, on June 28, 2018; and whereas, the U.S. Press Freedom Tracker, the archive of record for threats to press freedom in the U.S. of which RTDNA is a founding partner, notes that at least 27 journalists have been physically assaulted in the United States thus far in 2019;

and whereas, the bipartisan Fallen Journalists Memorial Act of 2019 (H.R. 3465 and S. 1969) authorizes the newly established Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation (FJM Foundation) to raise funds and work with appropriate entities to site and build a memorial to pay tribute to the journalists who have died while performing their jobs;

and whereas, the Fallen Journalists Memorial Act follows the legal framework established by Commemorative Works Act (CWA) of 1986 for the placement of commemorative works on federal land in the District of Columbia. It prohibits the use of federal funds and requires the Foundation to follow a process to ensure that the memorial is appropriately designed, constructed and located, and that sufficient funds are provided to the National Park Service (NPS) to maintain the memorial.

and whereas, the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation (FJM Foundation) will work to enact legislation, raise funds and build a Fallen Journalists Memorial on federal land in Washington, D.C. that will pay tribute to journalists who have died while performing their jobs. The FJM Foundation will operate under the auspices of the National Press Club Journalism Institute (NPCJI), which is the non-profit affiliate of the National Press Club;

and whereas, the Radio Television News Directors Association, d/b/a the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA), duly registered as a 501(c)(6) corporation in the state of Delaware, is one of the preeminent press freedom professional associations and is the world's largest professional association devoted exclusively to advocating on behalf of broadcast and digital journalists;

therefore, let it be resolved that on this seventh day of September 2019, the RTDNA Board of Directors has unanimously adopted this statement of full support for the Fallen Journalists Memorial Act and the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation.