

**A PROCLAMATION OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY
COMMENDING
FORMER CHAIRMAN CHAD CONNELLY
FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, Chad Connelly served the South Carolina Republican party at many levels for over twenty years, including as Newberry County Chairman and delegate to the Republican National Convention; ***AND***

WHEREAS, Chad Connelly served as Founder and President of the Foundation for American Restoration, and served on the boards of South Carolinians for Responsible Government, the Palmetto Family Council, and South Carolina Citizens for Life, which all promote conservative Republican ideals; ***AND***

WHEREAS, Chad Connelly, in his capacity as Chairman of the South Carolina Republican Party, did successfully fight to keep South Carolina recognized as “First in the South” for upcoming Presidential primaries, and conducted the most successful Republican Presidential Primary in state history with over 600,000 votes cast despite horrific weather; ***AND***

WHEREAS, Chad Connelly’s leadership resulted in South Carolina hosting three nationally televised presidential debates, the most ever for the state, including the first broadcast network debate ever held in South Carolina; ***AND***

WHEREAS, under Chad Connelly’s leadership the party raised more money than previous chairmen and lowered normal party expenses to focus our resources on electing strong Republicans to office; ***AND***

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan also said, “*The person who agrees with you 80 percent of the time is a friend and an ally—not a 20 percent traitor*”; ***AND***

WHEREAS, during the 2010 election filing debacle caused by new filing laws and poor directions from the State Election Commission, Chad Connelly encouraged the SCGOP Executive Committee to borrow the necessary funds to defend the rash of lawsuits filed against the state and county parties instead of depleting funds donated and earmarked to fund the election of Republican candidates;

AND NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED,

THAT the South Carolina Republican Party Executive Committee on this 24th Day of August 2013 that Chad Connelly be and is hereby recognized and commended for his outstanding leadership to the citizens of this great state of South Carolina.

Passed by a vote of the South Carolina Republican Party by a vote of 43-0.