

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SUPPORT OF INTEGRITY, OPENNESS, AND FAIRNESS IN THE PRIMARY
PROCESS**

*Passed May 3, 2014 by a unanimous vote of the
S.C. Republican Party State Executive Committee*

WHEREAS, spirited and competitive primaries are a healthy way to grow the Republican Party through increased primary participation, and

WHEREAS, Republicans do not wish to be perceived as a party that simply selects its nominees in a backroom or underhanded fashion, and

WHEREAS, the 2013 South Carolina Republican State Convention majority spoke clearly in favor of the primary process, and

WHEREAS, dedicated Republicans across South Carolina deserve the primary election integrity that only a state Republican Party, whose staff and officers maintain official neutrality and fair play for all, can provide, and

WHEREAS, anything other than a fair and legitimate primary where state party staff and officers avoid even the appearance of intervention could irrevocably damage the integrity of our primary process and inadvertently affect our "First in the South" presidential preference status,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all state Republican Party staff shall treat all campaigns equally, maintaining public neutrality in the primary process, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that state Republican Party officers in their official capacities shall treat all campaigns equally, maintaining public neutrality in the primary process, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party Chairman, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman or their proxies or successors are forbidden from agreeing to a Rule 11 exception allowing party funds to be spent in statewide primaries.