WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party will hold its State Convention in May 2016, in accordance with Republican National Committee Rules; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is currently projected to have 50 Delegates and 47 Alternates to the 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that County Conventions may reconvene as necessary during the month of March, 2016 to elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District Conventions; and

THAT, to be a Delegate or Alternate to a Congressional District Convention, one must have been elected as State Delegate or State Alternate from their county to the 2015 State Convention; and

THAT, a Delegate to the Congressional District Convention must be a resident of the Congressional District, and must be elected by County Convention Delegates who are also residents of the same Congressional District; and

THAT, if a county is divided between two or more Congressional Districts, the number of State Convention Delegates shall be apportioned among the Districts as nearly as possible based on the population residing in each Congressional District as a percentage of the entire population of the county; and

THAT, District Conventions must convene during the month of April, 2016 to elect National Delegates and National Alternates; and

THAT, each Congressional District Delegate may vote for up to six (6) candidates for delegate, with the three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes being the National Delegates from that District, and the following three (3) being National Alternates from that District; and

THAT, at each Congressional District Convention, a total of three (3) National Delegates and (3) National Alternates shall be elected for a total of twenty-one (21) National Delegates and (21) National Alternates statewide; and

THAT, the State Convention must convene during the month of May, 2016 to elect National Delegates and National Alternates; and

THAT, to be a Delegate or Alternate to the State Convention, one must have been elected as State Delegate or State Alternate from their county to the 2015 State Convention; and
THAT, twenty-six (26) National Delegates and twenty-six (26) National Alternates will be elected at-large from the State Convention; and

THAT, each State Delegate may vote for up to fifty-two (52) candidates for National Delegate. The twenty-six (26) candidates receiving the highest number of votes are National Delegates, and the following twenty-six (26) are National Alternates; and

THAT, no person elected at a Congressional District Convention to be a National Delegate or National Alternate shall be eligible to be a candidate for selection as a Delegate or Alternate to be voted for at a State Convention unless such person has filed and placed in possession of his or her Congressional District Chairman or his designee by twelve (12) o'clock on the third (3rd) day before the day fixed for the meeting of the State Convention a written notice of his resignation as such Delegate or Alternate from such Congressional District; and

THAT, under Republican National Committee Rules, the State Chairman, National Committeeman, and National Committeewoman are automatic National Delegates and are awarded no National Alternates; and

THAT, within four weeks of the election of National Delegates and Alternates, the party Chairman must call a meeting of all National Delegates and National Alternates to organize the Republican National Convention Delegation from South Carolina; and

THAT, the Delegation shall elect a Delegation Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary and is declared a body unto itself, to be governed by its own actions, not inconsistent with Republican National Convention rules; and

THAT, the Delegation shall elect one (1) man and one (1) woman to represent South Carolina on each of the four (4) National Convention committees and that upon their election these names shall be filed with the Republican National Convention.