WHEREAS, Act 171 of 1991 created the Local Government Fund for which South Carolina statute declare that, “In the annual general appropriations act, an amount equal to or not less than 4.5% of the General Fund revenues of the latest completed fiscal year must be appropriated”; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund has fallen short $343,780,410 of full funding according to Act 171 during the fiscal years 2008-2015; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention acknowledges that fiscal responsibility begins with making appropriate cuts to the state budget when necessary to meet all statutory fiscal obligations; and

WHEREAS, we ask that the Governor of South Carolina do hereby include in the Executive Budget full funding of the Local Government Fund, and that the Chairmen of the budgeting committees of the House and Senate likewise prescribe full funding of the same, as amended; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention calls on the General Assembly and the Governor to be in compliance with Act 171 and fully fund the Local Government Fund.