

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CONVENTION
OPPOSING THE 20% BORDER ADJUSTMENT TAX INCREASE**

WHEREAS, South Carolina working families are already taxed too much; and

WHEREAS, the federal Border Adjustment Tax would adversely affect the State of South Carolina making it the 6th hardest hit state by this tax increase; and

WHEREAS, the Border Adjustment Tax would spell uncertainty for our state's 7,400 auto manufacturing employees; and

WHEREAS, the Border Adjustment Tax would levy a 20% tax on all American imports that would then be passed on to American consumers and force many South Carolina retailers out of business; and

WHEREAS, the Border Adjustment Tax hurts the very consumers that tax reform is supposed to help; and

WHEREAS, every U.S. state would be harmed by a blanket tax on imported goods, especially those in which imports already play a substantial role in the economy; and

WHEREAS, even with partial dollar appreciation, a 20 percent import tax could mean billions in new taxes for businesses; and

WHEREAS, these cost increases would fall directly on importers – and subsequently consumers – with the auto and retail industries among the hardest hit; and

WHEREAS, in some states the tax bill on imports under the Border Adjustment Tax could be double, triple, or even quadruple the size of all federal business taxes the state currently pays; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party opposes bigger government and higher taxes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee adamantly opposes the Border Adjustment Tax that would raise taxes on American imports by as much as 20% and could destroy thousands of jobs in South Carolina and put many of our family retailers out of business, and therefore, we also urge our federal congressional delegation to oppose the Border Adjustment Tax.

Approved by the S.C. Republican Party State Resolutions Committee

**A RESOLUTION OF
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SUPPORTING THE ONE PERCENT SPENDING REDUCTION ACT OF 2016

WHEREAS, the Federal National Debt is currently at \$19,403,004,579,932.84 as of August 2016 and is projected to exceed \$20 trillion by the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, this amounts to \$59,464 owed by every man, woman and child in America, or \$162,313 by every taxpayer in America; and

WHEREAS, if this situation is not brought under control in the near future the United States of America is headed for a financial Armageddon that will affect every citizen of this country and the world; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Mark Sanford of South Carolina and Senator Mike Enzi of Wyoming have introduced bills entitled, “The One Percent Spending Reduction Act of 2016”, which if enacted, will cut one penny from every dollar in federal spending, and in five years will balance the federal budget; and

WHEREAS, this plan is fair, simple and workable; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee enthusiastically supports these bills, and urges taxpayers to contact members of their Congressional Delegations and ask them to co-sponsor and do all within their power to pass the bills out of the House and Senate.

Approved by the S.C. Republican Party State Executive Committee – December 13, 2016

(Originally passed by the Beaufort Federation of Republican Men – September 1, 2016)

**A RESOLUTION OF
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HONORING AND THANKING CHAIRMAN MATT MOORE**

WHEREAS, Matt Moore faithfully served the South Carolina Republican Party from 2011 to 2017 as Executive Director and then two terms as State Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Moore led the State Party through the most successful four-year period, in terms of election victories, in modern SCGOP history; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Moore set a new standard for SCGOP technology, communications, and political strategy and South Carolina Republicans won all 13 statewide races in four years, a new high for SCGOP chairmen; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Moore helped elect the most S.C. State House Republicans (80) since 1874 and helped gain Republican State House seats in Newberry and Chesterfield Counties; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Moore raised over \$4 million in two election cycles and creatively paid off \$340,000 in debt incurred during the 2012 "ballot-gate" fiasco, leaving the SCGOP "debt free"; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Moore and the SCGOP made over 4 million voter contacts and over 6 million social media impressions for the SCGOP and its candidates in the 2014/2016 election cycles; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Moore set a new standard for bringing recognition to the SCGOP, its candidates, the State of South Carolina, and our Presidential Primary, with over 750 mentions and quotes in major news outlets including The Washington Post, The N.Y. Times, and Wall Street Journal, plus over 30 appearances on Fox News, CNN, MSNBC and Bloomberg; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Moore successfully fought at the 2016 Republican National Convention to keep South Carolina's "First in the South" Presidential Primary status, and due to his and the SCGOP's promotional efforts, a record 740,881 voters cast ballots in the 2016 S.C. Republican Presidential Primary; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee on this 4th day of February 2017 honors and thanks Chairman Matt Moore for his outstanding leadership and service to the State Party.

Approved by the S.C. Republican Party State Executive Committee – February 4, 2017

**A RESOLUTION OF
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HONORING AND THANKING GOVERNOR NIKKI R. HALEY

WHEREAS, Governor Nikki R. Haley was born in Bamberg to Indian immigrants and attended Orangeburg Preparatory Schools; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haley worked as a bookkeeper in her family's business while growing up and learned the value of a dollar; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haley and her family faced obstacles in her childhood and overcame them to live the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haley graduated from Clemson University in 1994, married Michael in 1996, and gave life to Rena and Nalin; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haley established herself as community and professional leader before defeating a thirty-year State House incumbent in 2004 and then winning two more terms; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haley ran an underdog primary campaign for South Carolina Governor in 2010 as "*Nikki who?*" and won a resounding victory to become the state's first female and minority governor; and

WHEREAS, since her first term began in 2011, Governor Haley has established herself as one of the nation's best governors; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haley and her team set a new standard for cooperation with and support of the South Carolina Republican Party, highlighted by her fourteen point re-election victory in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haley has led South Carolina with skill, grace, and determination through natural disasters, acts of evil, and tough policy debates; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her leadership and skill, Governor Haley was named United States Ambassador to the United Nations by President-elect Donald J. Trump on November 23, 2016 and will likely be confirmed in this position in early 2017; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee honors and thanks Governor Nikki R. Haley for her service as governor of South Carolina and wishes her great success in advancing America's ideals of freedom, liberty, and justice for all as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Approved by the S.C. Republican Party State Executive Committee – December 13, 2016

**A RESOLUTION OF
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HONORING THE LIFE OF MARTHA C. EDENS**

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2015, the Republican Party lost a beloved leader in South Carolina's former National Committeewoman Martha C. Edens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edens was born in Richland County and was the daughter of the late James Drake Edens Sr. and May Florence Youmans Edens. She graduated from Dreher High School, attended Brenau University in Gainesville, Ga. and graduated from the University of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edens lived a well-spent life of love, dedication and generosity. In addition to being a loving, caring mother to her two children, she accomplished more in her life than most people even dream of. Mrs. Edens was awarded the Order of the Palmetto in 1995 by Governor Carroll A. Campbell; and

WHEREAS, locally, Mrs. Edens served the Richland County Republican Party as Party Chairman, Finance Chairman and Precinct Committeeman. She served as Vice Chairman of the First Tuesday Republican Club. She was a member of the Richland County Ivory Club, the Richland County Republican Women's Club and was a governor's mansion docent; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edens served as Treasurer of the South Carolina Republican Party. A longtime member of the Capitol 100 Foundation, Mrs. Edens served two terms as South Carolina's National Committeewoman on the Republican National Committee, where she became known as one of the most outstanding National Committeewomen in the nation; and

WHEREAS, as National Committeewoman, Mrs. Edens served on the Rules Committee of the RNC, was elected Vice Chairman of the Southern Region and served on the Chairman's Executive Committee, having served four years in each of those positions. In 1992, Mrs. Edens served, along with Honorary Chairman Carroll A. Campbell, as Chairman of the Southern Republican Conference.

WHEREAS, elected to serve as one of eight members of the Site Selection Committee for the 1996 Republican National Convention, Mrs. Edens also served on the Committee on Arrangements for the San Diego convention. On the state level, Mrs. Edens had the honor of serving on the South Carolina Election Commission.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edens, along with her brother James Drake Edens, Jr., were pioneers in the South Carolina Republican Party; and she gave freely of her time of service to the citizens of South Carolina and the nation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee proudly honors and celebrates the life of Mrs. Martha C. Edens, that we lift up her family with prayer and our heartfelt gratitude, and that the South Carolina Republican Party establish an award given annually in her memory.

Approved by a unanimous vote of the S.C. Republican Party State Executive Committee – December 9, 2015

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CONVENTION
SUPPORTING ETHICS REFORM IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party Platform states that the South Carolina Republican Party “*expects our public officials to live within the confines of principle, virtue and law*”; and

WHEREAS, in recent years there have been elected officials who have failed to live up to the high ethical standards set by the people of our state and the South Carolina Republican Party and who have breached the public trust and undermined the public’s faith in government by misusing public office and public funds; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haley, during her January 14, 2015 inaugural address said, “*It is both our opportunity and our duty to restore to the people of South Carolina their faith in their government*”; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haley has fought for four years to deliver meaningful reform of our state’s ethics laws that would help restore faith in state government and has praised Senators Sean Bennett, Chip Campsen, Ronnie Cromer, Tom Davis, Mike Fair, Greg Gregory, Larry Grooms, Wes Hayes, Greg Hembree, Larry Martin, Shane Massey, Harvey Peeler, Katrina Shealy, Paul Thurmond, Ross Turner, Danny Verdin, and Tom Young for fighting alongside her for ethics reform; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party Platform further states: “*Our legislators must continue to move with dispatch toward establishing the boundaries where ethical behavior leaves off and abuse begins*”; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee calls on every Republican Senator to join Governor Haley in the effort to reform our state’s ethics laws and pass meaningful reform as soon as the General Assembly reconvenes in January; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee urges that ethics reform legislation include income disclosure for members of the General Assembly that allows the people to know who is paying their legislators and that rids the system of conflicts of interest; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee urges that ethics reform legislation ends the process once and for all of legislators policing legislators by establishing truly independent investigations of potential ethics violations by public officials.

Approved by the S.C. Republican Party State Executive Committee – December 9, 2015

**A RESOLUTION OF
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REGARDING ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF STATES**

WHEREAS, the Founders in our Constitution empowered State Legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the States to protect the liberty of our people - particularly for the generations to come - by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the States under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee urges the South Carolina Legislature to enact legislation which:

- Applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.
- Directs the Secretary of State to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and copies to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several States, requesting their cooperation.
- Defines this application as constituting a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

Approved by the S.C. Republican Party State Executive Committee – January 24, 2015

**A RESOLUTION OF
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OPPOSING A CARBON TAX**

WHEREAS, carbon taxes are energy taxes--taxes on the use of affordable and reliable natural gas, oil, and coal which supply over 80 percent of our energy supply; and

WHEREAS, a “moderate” carbon tax of \$25/ton would reduce the income of a family of four by \$1900 a year; and

WHEREAS, a “moderate” carbon tax of \$25/ton would cause gasoline prices to rise by about 25 cents a gallon; and

WHEREAS, carbon taxes harm families, especially middle and lower income families due to the fact that lower income families pay a greater percentage of their income to purchase energy; and

WHEREAS, carbon taxes are designed to harm American businesses by driving up domestic energy prices and putting Americans at a competitive disadvantage to countries without carbon taxes; and

WHEREAS, there is no indication that countries like China and India plan on hampering their growing economies through the imposition of carbon taxes; and

WHEREAS, while some claim we can do a “tax swap” and replace a current tax with a new carbon tax, however, history shows that both taxes can increase dramatically in the future, after all the federal income tax was sold as a small tax on only the rich; and

WHEREAS, while the federal government cannot impose a carbon tax through regulation, President Obama’s regulation of carbon dioxide attempts to get states to implement a carbon tax on their own to comply with its onerous and almost certainly illegal regulation; and

WHEREAS, the United States has the largest combined reserves of natural gas, oil, and coal and is the largest combined producer of natural gas and oil in the world; and

WHEREAS, a carbon tax is supposed to reduce climate change, however a U.S. carbon tax will not reduce temperatures in any appreciable way; in fact, if the U.S. reduced our carbon dioxide emissions to zero by 2100, the global temperature would only be 0.14 C lower than otherwise by 2100; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee hereby resolves that we should protect American families and businesses by not imposing a carbon tax but by opposing a carbon tax and federal and state regulations that create or lead to a carbon tax.

Approved by the S.C. Republican Party State Executive Committee – December 9, 2015