A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY IN SUPPORT OF CONVENTION OF STATES

WHEREAS the Founding Fathers gave us two viable methods for amending the U.S. Constitution;

WHEREAS in spite of issues like restraining federal government growth, term limits and balanced budgets being supported by the vast majority of Americans;

WHEREAS in spite of this support, Congress refuses to act on these issues in the form of legislation or constitutional amendments;

WHEREAS an Article V Convention of States is the only option left to achieve action on critical issues like government growth, excessive spending and term limits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The South Carolina Republican Party urges the Republican members of the South Carolina General Assembly to join the vast majority of likeminded states – Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, North Dakota, Utah, Arizona, Alaska, Alabama, and Mississippi – in passing an Article V Convention of States Resolution;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all such Article V Resolutions be specifically 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.
A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY
OPPOSING FUSION CANDIDACY

WHEREAS the South Carolina Republican Party opposes allowing candidates to run on more than one line on any ballot for any election;

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party supports legislation which would limit candidates to represent only one political party on any general election ballot; and

WHEREAS the South Carolina Republican Party believes that all candidates should have to pay a filing fee in order to gain access to the ballot; and

WHEREAS third party candidates currently pay no filing fees; and

WHEREAS the South Carolina Republican Party believes that political parties should be able to keep candidates filing fees or add candidate’s certification fees to help cover operating costs; and

WHEREAS the South Carolina Republican Party believes that political parties should have the ability to refuse certification for candidates that fail to meet a minimum objective standard as representatives of their party;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party supports legislation which would require candidates of all political parties to pay filing fees, allow political parties to require ballot certification fees, and allow political parties to refuse certification to candidates who have not voted in at least three out of the last four state-wide primaries, or who can otherwise satisfy the respective State Party Chairman as to their bona-fides as a representative of that respective party.
A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY IN SUPPORT OF PARTISAN VOTER REGISTRATION

WHEREAS the South Carolina Republican Party is made up of citizens who share common conservative values of limited government, fiscal responsibility, lower taxes, traditional values and free enterprise; and

WHEREAS identifying like-minded individuals is a fundamental pre-requisite of good political organization and long-term political success; and

WHEREAS a partisan registration option on voter registration forms would greatly increases the number of like-minded South Carolinians that the South Carolina Republican Party would be able to more readily enlist in party organization, fundraising and campaign efforts; and

WHEREAS voters should be afforded the opportunity to freely associate themselves with the political party of their choice, as well as be able to indicate that affiliation when they register to vote or update their registration;

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party calls on the South Carolina General Assembly to pass legislation to alter our state’s voter registration forms to include appropriate check-boxes allowing voters to indicate their partisan affiliation when they register to vote, and enabling political parties to pursue encouraging voters to update their voter registration with such an affiliation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party’s Partisan Voter Registration Committee should work to coordinate efforts to accomplish this goal by working to encourage county Republican Party organizations, auxiliary groups and conservative grassroots organizations across South Carolina to join together to promote such legislation.
A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY
SUPPORTING THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

WHEREAS the Electoral College represents the inspired genius of our Founding Fathers as brought forth in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS the Electoral College has worked for over 200 years ensuring the efficient and peaceful transfer of power; and

WHEREAS the Electoral College protects federalism, the states, and the rights of all citizens no matter where they reside in the United States; and

WHEREAS the Electoral College protects the minority and regional interests from tyranny of the majority; and

WHEREAS the so-call National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) would effectively disenfranchise millions of voters in smaller, less-populous states and cause the interests of those voters to be ignored in national elections; and

WHEREAS the NPVIC would force electors to vote against the votes cast by the constituents of their own state; and

WHEREAS the NPVIC allows a short cut to circumvent the Constitution requirement of 38 states to amend the Constitution; and

WHEREAS the elimination of the Electoral College could amplify the effects of voter fraud in very small geographic areas; and

WHEREAS the Electoral College provides for a broad representation of the whole United States as a republic, not a direct democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Carolina Republican Party supports the Electoral College, opposes the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, and urges the South Carolina Legislature to preserve and defend the Electoral College as created in the U.S. Constitution.