

# **A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY REGARDING RESTRICTION OF INTERFERENCE FROM FEDERAL DISTRICT COURTS**

**WHEREAS**, the majority of voters in the state of South Carolina cast ballots to elect Donald J Trump to the presidency; and

**WHEREAS**, these votes essentially constitute endorsements of his agenda and policy priorities as stated extensively and promised during his campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, the president immediately began to implement these policies via issuance of executive orders, only to be stymied by federal court injunctions and temporary restraining orders; and

**WHEREAS**, these actions, taken by inferior court justices, amount to nationwide interference of lawful executive branch orders and constitute a Constitutional Crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress has at its disposal multiple avenues of authority to impede and arrest these questionable injunctions and restraining orders by activist federal judges, including, but not limited to, restricting certain case types from district court jurisdiction, dissolving or combining federal court districts, restricting funding to district courts and issuing articles of impeachment for judges attempting to impede executive branch governance.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the body of the State Republican Party and all elected officials representing the great state of South Carolina implore Congress to act in all haste to wield their authority and immediately curtail and reverse this untenable situation. To that end, we pledge our full support.

# **A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES BY PRIMARY**

**WHEREAS**, the modern-day South Carolina Republican Party, in its infancy, always nominated its candidates by convention because it was too weak to do otherwise, and

**WHEREAS**, several efforts were made beginning in 1970 to nominate by primary, all of which failed, and

**WHEREAS**, even though the party was clearly gaining adherents with every election cycle, all of our statewide candidates, except Senator Thurmond, always lost, and

**WHEREAS**, in 1974 the S. C. Republican Party held its first statewide primary for governor drawing over 36,000 voters; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1974 the S. C. Republican Party has always nominated its candidates by primary and has won all but three of thirteen elections for governor and lost only one (1) since 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a statewide Republican Presidential Preference Primary has added incredible numbers of Republicans to our ranks and strains the Democrat Party to get half the number of voters who participate in it; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Republican Party's primary nominated candidates now hold all nine (9) statewide offices in our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the delegates of the South Carolina Republican Party in convention assembled, express our support for the primary method of nomination of candidates for all offices at the local and state level in South Carolina.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we support and call for legislative action to improve the primary nomination process by providing for the right of citizens to register by Political Party, and for the ability of each Party to close their primaries to those that don't support such Party.

# **A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY TO ENSURE BIPARTISAN REPRESENTATION FOR POLL MANAGERS AND CLERKS AT POLLING PLACES**

**WHEREAS**, the fair and democratic conduct of elections is foundational to our state's governance and the integrity of our democratic process;

**WHEREAS**, equal representation of both Republican and Democratic poll managers and clerks at polling places is essential to ensure a fair and impartial electoral process;

**WHEREAS**, bipartisan representation fosters trust in the election process among all citizens, regardless of political affiliation;

**WHEREAS**, ensuring bipartisan representation among poll workers and clerks in each precinct promotes accountability, transparency, and integrity in our electoral system;

**WHEREAS**, the participation of both major political parties in staffing polling places demonstrates a commitment to cooperation and bipartisanship in the administration of elections;

**WHEREAS**, the county election commissions continue to express the need for hundreds of additional poll managers and an equal fractional number of poll clerks, and many counties has failed to contact all current and previous republican volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, each county party's chair should receive a list of poll managers and clerks prior to the election.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the South Carolina Republican Party (SCGOP):

1. The SCGOP affirms its commitment to ensuring equal representation of poll managers and clerks from both Republican and Democratic parties at all polling places within each county during elections, by verification of voting history within the last four elections.
2. The SCGOP calls on The SC Election Commission and the county election commission to take all necessary steps to recruit and train poll managers and clerks in a manner that ensures bipartisan representation, with equal opportunities for individuals from both major political parties to participate. The SC Election Commission and county election commissions should work collaboratively with local party organizations to identify and recruit qualified individuals to serve as poll workers and clerks, ensuring that appointments reflect the diversity of the community and adhere to the principle of equal representation.
3. The SCGOP calls on the SC Election Commission and county election commissions, in the spirit of transparency, to disclose the lists of poll managers and clerks to each county party's chairman before the election and prove bipartisanship at each precinct.

4. The SC Election Commission should direct the county election commissions, as much as within its power to do so, to provide regular reports on the implementation of the goals within this resolution, including updates on the recruitment, training, and deployment of poll workers and clerks from both Republican and Democratic parties.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN  
PARTY AFFIRMING REAL PROPERTY OWNERS' RIGHT TO  
LAW ENFORCEMENT'S ASSISTANCE TO REMOVE  
TRESPASSERS AND SQUATTERS FROM THEIR PROPERTIES  
WITHOUT SUFFERING UNDUE DELAY, HARDSHIP,  
ATTORNEY FEES AND COURT COSTS**

**Whereas**, for purposes of this resolution, the term "real property" shall mean land without any buildings, structures or improvements and also land with and including the buildings, structures or improvements, such as homes, dwellings, storage sheds, workshops, or garages that are situated upon the land, and the term "real property owner" shall mean and include any individual, company, government entity, or non-profit organization that is named as the owner in the title to real property and/or named as the mortgagor in a mortgage on the real property or is the owner or possessor of the real property pursuant to a law, statute, ordinance, or administrative code.

**Whereas**, the increasing number of illegal aliens within the United States and the horrific stories of homeowners around the country having to endure lengthy delays by courts to evict vagrants and the high costs of making repairs to damaged homes which were taken over by "squatters" has focused renewed attention upon the need to review state laws nationwide relative to so-called "squatters rights"; and

**Whereas**, one particular illegal alien in the United States from Venezuela, Leonal Moreno, had received national attention for brazenly publishing videos on the internet advising other illegal aliens on ways to exploit weaknesses in, and to circumvent, state laws around the nation so as to seize dwellings from their lawful owners while those rightful owners happen to be away for an extended period of time; and

**Whereas**, in March 2024, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed a new law into effect in the State of Florida eliminating squatters' rights in the state, increasing penalties for squatting, and making it easier and quicker for property owners to remove squatters from their property, which provides an example other states could adopt and follow; and

**Whereas**, on April 8, 2024, an ABC affiliated television station, Channel 4 in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, published a report at its website entitled, "South Carolina battles squatting issue: lengthy evictions and calls for stricter laws," which increased public awareness of the issues and concerns in the State of South Carolina specifically; and

**Whereas**, South Carolina state laws are currently written, interpreted or enforced in such a way that real property owners in the state are not adequately protected from suffering mental, physical

and financial harms arising from the false claims and aggressive actions of trespassers and squatters on their properties in the state.

**Therefore, be it resolved,** that the South Carolina Republican Party affirms real property owners' right to law enforcement's assistance to remove trespassers and squatters from their properties without suffering undue delay, hardship, attorney fees and court costs; and

**Be it further resolved,** that the South Carolina Republican Party respectfully urge the South Carolina Legislature to review existing South Carolina laws relative to the offenses of trespassing and squatting, including, but not limited to, South Carolina Code of Laws Section 11-620, and to repeal, amend and/or enact state laws in 2025 that strengthen the protections and rights of real property owners against trespassers and squatters; and

**Be it further resolved,** that the South Carolina Republican Party respectfully urge the South Carolina Legislature to repeal state laws pertaining to "Adverse Possession" in Article 3 of Title 15, Chapter 67, of the South Carolina Code of Laws (S.C. Code Sections 15-67-210 — 15-6-270) so as to eliminate confusion and loopholes that could be exploited by trespassers and squatters to weaken the rights and protections of real property owners in the state; and

**Be it further resolved,** that the South Carolina Republican Party respectfully urge the South Carolina Legislature to strengthen state laws by clarifying that if a real property owner reports a trespassing or squatting offender to law enforcement and the offender is unable to produce a written real property sale or lease agreement signed by the real property owner to the investigating law enforcement officer(s), law enforcement must immediately take actions to remove the offender from the property, and if law enforcement refuses to do so, the real property owner may take all reasonable actions and use all reasonable means to remove the offender without suffering a criminal investigation, prosecution or penalty; and

**Be it further resolved,** that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to all the Republican state legislators in the South Carolina Legislature.