

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY
REGARDING
“THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT”**

*Passed October 15, 2011 by a 43-1-1 vote of the South Carolina Republican Party State
Executive Committee, Chad Connelly, Chairman.*

WHEREAS, the Constitutional method of electing the President of the United States through the Electoral College was the method deemed best by the founding fathers of the United States of America for ensuring state sovereignty because all states, both large and small, are included in the presidential election process; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Constitution preserves the balance of power and authority between the federal and state governments through the mechanism of the Electoral College; **AND**

WHEREAS, the tested Electoral College process best preserves our two-party system by electing a President who achieves a majority of electoral votes not a mere plurality and has proven itself in over 56 presidential elections to best preserve our representative form of democracy; **AND**

WHEREAS, the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” movement is a well-funded and well-organized ongoing lobbying effort which, if successfully implemented, would eviscerate the constitutional Electoral College process of electing the President of the United States; **AND**

WHEREAS, the constitutionality of the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” is questionable because Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution states that no state, without the consent of Congress, may “enter into an Agreement or Compact with another state”; **AND**

WHEREAS, the constitutionality of the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” would amend the way we elect our President through a questionable legal maneuver requiring as few as 12 states, instead of the required 38 states needed to amend the constitution; **AND**

WHEREAS, under the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact,” a non-member state’s electoral votes are irrelevant because member states’

electoral votes would number 270 or more, and they would award their votes to the national popular voter winner, effectively destroying the Electoral College; **AND**

WHEREAS, implementation of the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” would render the votes of millions of Americans irrelevant and further undermine states’ sovereignty and authority to conduct elections at the state level; **AND**

WHEREAS, the “National Popular Vote Compact” would give heavily populated media markets power over the will of states with smaller populations; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the South Carolina Republican Party does reject this attempt to undermine the U.S. Constitution and the Electoral College by way of the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact”; **AND**

THAT the South Carolina Republican Party does fully endorse retaining the constitutionally adopted, time-tested Electoral College method of awarding electoral votes to candidates to win the office of President of the United States of America; **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

THAT the South Carolina Republican Party strongly encourages the Governor, all South Carolina State Legislators, and all South Carolina State Senators to reject the attack on state sovereignty and the U.S. Constitution by the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.”