A RESOLUTION FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY TO SUPPORT ACTIONS TO TURN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE TO AMERICA

WHEREAS, Energy production and use is critical to the future of the world, our country and South Carolina;

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden executed at least two executive orders (EO 13990 and EO14008) that have heavily impacted the energy industry and severely financially burdened the working populations of the world, our country and South Carolina;

WHEREAS, President Biden’s lifting of sanctions on the Russian Nord Stream 2 pipeline has created increased dependence of European countries on Russian gas supplies and Russian sales of oil and gas have increased to their highest level in 13 years, growing by 20% by June 2022, compared to the first half of 2021;

WHEREAS, the United States uses and produces many types and sources of energy only of which 12% is provided by renewable sources and current renewable technology is not capable of supplying the other 88% for our country or South Carolina;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the South Carolina Republican Party will support:

1) Federal policy supporting our current energy sector, to include fossil fuels (petroleum, natural gas, and coal) that make up 79% and nuclear electric power at 8% of United States primary energy consumption until such a time as renewable technology can meet the needs of our country and South Carolina.

2) Future oil or gas leasing for purposes of exploration, development, or production.

3) Reinstatement of the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline permit with assurances that American materials will continue to be used in its construction.

4) Energy independence for the United States and South Carolina to lower the financial burden placed on the hardest working members of our communities.