A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY IN SUPPORT OF ELECTION INTEGRITY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party Platform states, "We support efforts to promote the integrity of the election process in South Carolina"; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the integrity of our elections is critical and foundational to maintaining a civil society decentralized from a federal government as the Founders intended; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina General Assembly's 2022 Election Integrity Act has outlawed Ballot harvesting and drop boxes, requires the voter Social Security number in order to receive an absentee ballot, and shortened the early voting window; and

WHEREAS, current state law now specifies that election related crimes are now considered a felony with up to \$5,000 in fines and 5 years in prison; and

WHEREAS, current state law requires hand-count audits to be conducted in random precincts in all 46 counties in South Carolina prior to election certification, as well as independent post-election results verification audits; and

WHEREAS, election experts agree the most resilient voting systems use paper ballots, either marked by hand or with an assistive device, and are verified by the voter before tabulation; and

WHEREAS, election integrity is a fundamental and core function that the South Carolina Republican Party consistently fights for, and the Party opposes Ranked Choice Voting in any form at any level of government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the South Carolina Republican Party opposes any means of voting that do not have safeguards ensuring that all ballots are fully auditable and that every vote is memorialized by a paper ballot; and

THAT the Party recognizes and supports laws and municipal codes and rules that allow for hand-counting procedures that are planned, timely and fully observable by the public and the registered parties for geographically defined audits and recounts; and

THAT the Party stands firmly in support of voter identification laws that ensure that every voter is an eligible voter, regardless of method in which they vote, at the time of voting, casting, requesting or delivering a ballot; and

THAT the Party opposes any and all efforts to unreasonably expand time periods for early or absentee voting that makes ballot counting procedures unmanageable or incapable to complete expeditiously following the conclusion of an election on Election Day; and

THAT the Party supports efforts to ensure that all ballots are fully counted on Election Day; and

THAT the Party opposes any legislation that would allow for all mail-in balloting, ranked-choice voting, temporary or 'pop-up' voting locations, drop boxes, and any other voting center that is not fairly defined and bound to a designated geographic territory and where voting locations exist, namely by county and precinct; and

THAT the Party supports efforts to standardize municipal elections to ensure consistency and security; and

THAT the Party supports continuing to have auditable balloting procedures using paper ballots, in reasonable limited time periods, using proper identification to strengthen voter confidence and to ensure that our election procedures are fair and open processes for all legal voters.

THAT the Party calls for any legislation necessary to ensure that our elections are conducted in accordance with the aforementioned principles.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY IN SUPPORT OF AFFIRMING THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO NULLIFY UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTITUTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE

WHEREAS, Articles I, II, and III of the Constitution of the United States respectively, exclusively vest legislative, executive, and judicial powers to the corresponding branches of government; and

WHEREAS, under the horizontal separation of powers, not one of these entities have the power of becoming dominant; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States designates only Congress with the power to make laws; and

WHEREAS, no other person, agency, or department of any other branch of the federal government has any lawmaking authority under the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, any actions by the executive (including cabinet agencies) or judicial branches that purport to enact laws or are treated as such is a usurpation of power; and

WHEREAS, executive orders are not laws, nor do they amend the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants only limited, enumerated, lawmaking powers to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Ninth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States specifically prohibits the federal government from interfering with rights retained by the people as protected under the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment denies the federal government powers not delegated to it in the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, any federal action that violates the states' separation of powers is void under the Constitution of the United States which is the supreme law of the land; and

WHEREAS, the executive branch of the federal government (including cabinet agencies) have imposed executive orders and regulations on our citizens and businesses that have infringed on our freedoms and adversely affected our unalienable rights to life, liberty, personal security, property and the pursuit of happiness – including but not limited to: healthcare mandates, education indoctrination, pernicious gun regulations, peaceable assembling, and freedom to worship without persecution; and

WHEREAS, an act of Congress repugnant to the Constitution of the United States cannot become law; and

WHEREAS, in *Miranda v. Arizona*, the Supreme Court opined that "Where rights secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no rulemaking or legislation which would abrogate them; and

WHEREAS, as Thomas Jefferson stated in the Kentucky Resolutions of 1798, "but where powers are assumed which have not been delegated a nullification of the act is a rightful remedy: that every state has a natural right."; and

WHEREAS, federal lawmakers are bound by oath to support the Constitution, and failing to do so, the rightful remedy for the states is to nullify their usurpations and to declare their acts void; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States assures the people and the states that their respective rights and powers will be respected by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, these sacred rights shall not be infringed upon by any action of the federal government purporting to wield any undue authority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of South Carolina should adopt the resolution to affirm the sovereign right of South Carolina to nullify unconstitutional acts of the federal government for the purpose of instituting and protecting the rights of the individual and for the good of the whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above resolution be reviewed and expedited into action by the Governor for the protection of the State's rights and its constituents.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY TO COMBAT CHILD TRAFFICKING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party recognizes the fundamental importance of protecting the welfare and safety of children; and

WHEREAS, child trafficking is a heinous crime that poses a grave threat to the well-being and innocence of our children; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has a responsibility to take proactive measures to prevent and combat child trafficking within its borders; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to establish strong legislative frameworks to empower law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute child traffickers effectively, and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between government agencies, community organizations, and citizens is vital to addressing this pressing issue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the South Carolina Republican Party, strongly encourages the South Carolina legislature to adopt comprehensive legislation to combat child trafficking and protect the children of our state.

The proposed legislation should include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

- 1. Enhanced Penalties; Introduce stricter penalties for individuals convicted of child trafficking, ensuring that these criminals face significant consequences for their reprehensible actions.
- 2. Public Awareness and Education: Implement campaigns to raise awareness about the signs of child trafficking, emphasizing the importance of reporting suspicious activities to law enforcement authorities.
- 3. Training for Law Enforcement: Provide specialized training to law enforcement personnel on identifying and handling child trafficking cases to ensure effective and sensitive investigations.
- 4. Cooperation with NGOs and Community Organizations: Foster partnerships with non governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations that have experience in combating child trafficking, encouraging collaborative efforts to eradicate this crime.
- 5. Strengthening Cross-State Cooperation: Facilitate communication and cooperation between South Carolina and neighboring states to tackle child trafficking in a coordinated manner.
- 6. Whistleblower Protection: Establish measures to protect individuals who come forward as whistleblowers in child trafficking cases from retaliation or harm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the South Carolina Republican Party firmly believes that the adoption of such legislation will significantly enhance the state's ability to combat child trafficking effectively and protect the innocent lives of our children. We call upon all members of the South Carolina legislature to prioritize the passage of this vital legislation for the greater good of our society.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPEACHMENT OF JOE BIDEN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, Joe Biden failed to secure the extraction of thousands of American civilians and Afghan Allies before and during the withdrawal between August 14 and August 16, 2021, putting thousands of lives in imminent danger from the Taliban; and

WHEREAS, as Commander-in-Chief, Joe Biden has armed our enemies by leaving numerous weapons, ammunition, and other military equipment which could be used against American citizens, allies, and other civilians in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Joe Biden has shown the American people that his administration failed to properly prepare for the extraction of civilian and military assets from the nation of Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Joe Biden abandoned tens of thousands of American citizens and Afghan allies stuck in Afghanistan at danger of being captured, tortured, held hostage for ransom, or killed; and

WHEREAS, Joe Biden has allowed the southern border to be overrun by an invasion of millions of illegal aliens to unlawfully enter the United States; and

WHEREAS, Joe Biden has allowed the unlawful flow of fentanyl and other drugs to enter our country and kill thousands of Americans by not taking any significant actions to stop it; and

WHEREAS, Joe Biden has utilized the Department Of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a political tool to violate the civil rights of Americans; and

WHEREAS, Joe Biden is not mentally fit to hold the Office of the Presidency; and

WHEREAS, Joe Biden has failed to secure the border and protect the Citizenry of the United States from this unlawful invasion and crimes committed by those who illegally entered our country; and

WHEREAS, Joe Biden aided and abetted illegal aliens to unlawfully cross our southern border; and

WHEREAS, Joe Biden and his administration held back exculpatory evidence from those who were arrested for the January 6th incident at the United States Capital; and

WHEREAS, Joe Biden, and his family received millions of dollars from foreign nationals with questionable backgrounds. Specifically, over \$4 million paid by Burisma for Hunter Biden's board membership, and the ongoing FBI investigation into Hunter Biden's laptop revealed that

Hunter received a 2.8 carat diamond gift from a high-ranking Chinese official in 2017. Hunter Biden told the New Yorker Magazine that he "felt uncomfortable receiving the diamond and gave it to other associates"; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Ukraine's top anti-corruption prosecutor, Viktor Shokin, had an active and ongoing investigation into Burisma and its owner, Mykola Zlochevsky. At the time, Hunter Biden continued to serve on Burisma's board of directors. According to news reports, then Vice-President Biden "threatened to withhold \$1 billion in United States loan guarantees if Ukraine's leaders did not dismiss [Shokin]". After that, Ukraine's Parliament fired Shokin; and

WHEREAS, in each of these actions, Joseph R. Biden showed grave dereliction of duty and continues to demonstrate that he is unfit to hold the office of President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Biden, by such conduct, has demonstrated that he will remain a threat to national security and the Constitution if allowed to remain in office, and has acted in a manner grossly incompatible with self-governance and the rule of law. President Biden thus warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party on behalf of its members calls upon the United States House of Representatives and the Speaker of the House to present articles of impeachment against President Joe Biden.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY TO CONDEMN THE ILLEGITIMATE INDICTMENT OF PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP AND THE 18 CO-DEFENDANTS IN FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, the unjust indictments on Monday August 14, 2023, in Fulton County, Georgia, by District Attorney Fani T. Willis in what is undeniably the egregious abuse of power and political persecution in the history of our Republic against President Donald Trump on racketeering, conspiracy, alleged attempt to overthrow an election in 2020, and other charges; and

WHEREAS, the unjust indictments on Monday August 14, 2023, in Fulton County, Georgia, by District Attorney Fani T. Willis against Trump Officials on racketeering, conspiracy, alleged attempt to overthrow an election in 2020, and other charges; and

WHEREAS, the unjust indictments on Monday August 14, 2023, in Fulton County, Georgia, by District Attorney Fani T. Willis against Trump Allies on racketeering, conspiracy, alleged attempt to overthrow an election in 2020, and other charges; and

WHEREAS, the unjust indictments on Monday August 14, 2023, in Fulton County, Georgia, by District Attorney Fani T. Willis against Republican Electors on racketeering, conspiracy, alleged attempt to overthrow an election in 2020, and other charges; and

WHEREAS, the unjust indictments on Monday August 14, 2023, in Fulton County, Georgia, by District Attorney Fani T. Willis against alleged voting system breachers on racketeering, conspiracy, alleged attempt to overthrow an election in 2020, and other charges; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party condemns these travesties of injustice and request South Carolina Republicans publicly support and uphold the principles of justice, integrity, and Constitutional rights for Republican President Donald J. Trump and all of the above noted Republican officials.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY TO CHANGE STATE LAW TO MANDATE THE TEACHING OF THE UNITED STATES FORM OF GOVERNMENT AS A CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Education Social Studies College-and Career-Ready Standards dated January 8, 2019, page 102 under the title: United States Government Standards, incorrectly mandates the use of the term "American Constitutional Democracy" to describe the American form of government, which was founded specifically as a Constitutional Republic; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Education Social Studies College-and-Career-Ready Standards does not mention or define the term "Constitutional Republic" at all; and

WHEREAS, the term "American Constitutional Democracy" is a purposeful use of language to subvert the fundamental principles of a Republic as the form of Government. The founders explicitly rejected Democracy as the form of government as expressed by Hamilton in Federalist 1, Jefferson, Adams and Madison in Federalist 10 who specifically argued about the dangers of "factions" as a danger in a populist Democratic government; and

WHEREAS, Article IV Section 4 of the United States Constitution states, "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a Republican Form of Government"; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party supports a change in South Carolina Code to rectify the inaccuracy and ensure that the correct form of Government is taught in our schools; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party supports a change to Title 59 to require that the South Carolina Department of Education use the term American Constitutional Republic and the principles therein as the standard;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the South Carolina Republican Party urges the South Carolina House and South Carolina Senate to modify Title 59 to mandate the Department of Education to use "Constitutional Republic" as the correct form of American Government in Social Studies College-and-Career-Ready Standards.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY TO CHANGE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW TO REMOVE LANGUAGE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the South Carolina School Board Association is a privately incorporated entity with revenue of over \$5.5 million dollars and salaries and other compensation of over \$4 million dollars (2020 IRS 990); and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina School Board Association is a registered lobbyist organization that has direct contact with legislators, their staffs, and other government officials; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of South Carolina should remain neutral with regard to any private entity or organization that is a registered lobbyist organization; and

WHEREAS, SECTION 59–19–45 (B) of South Carolina Law specifically calls out the South Carolina School Board Association as a preferred source of training, "(B) The orientation shall be approved by the State Board of Education and conducted by public or private entities approved by the State Board of Education such as the South Carolina School Boards Association.";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the South Carolina Republican Party urges the South Carolina House and South Carolina Senate to Modify Title 59 to remove "such as the South Carolina School Boards Association" from SECTION 59–19–45 (B) of South Carolina Law.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY THANKING ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR S.474

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2023 the South Carolina Supreme Court upheld S.474 "The Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act" in a 4-1 decision; and

WHEREAS, this decision lifts the injunction and makes the law immediately enforceable; now

BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

The South Carolina Republican Party publicly recognize and appreciate the tireless work of the members of the General Assembly, who helped draft and advance this legislation; and

THAT, the South Carolina Republican Party publicly recognize and appreciate the 82 members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and the 27 members of the South Carolina Senate who voted for passage of this bill, and South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster for signing the bill into law; and

THAT, the South Carolina Republican Party publicly recognize and appreciate South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson, whose office defended this law before the South Carolina Supreme Court.