

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY

SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCIENCE OF READING AS THE PREEMINENT CURRICULUM FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Whereas, the South Carolina state school report card for the school year ending 2022 shows the overall academic achievement for all students is 46.6% of grade level requirements. The English Language (reading) proficiency is 54.3% of required goals and standards. Reading is the fundamental foundation of all academics and a low proficiency in reading is directly related to and responsible for low overall academic achievement; and

Whereas, the 2023 goals and standards published by the South Carolina Board of Education specifically states that English Language instruction in all South Carolina public schools will be based on: 1) Phonological and Phonemic Awareness; 2) concept of Print; 3) Decoding and Encoding Phonics Skills; and 4) Fluency. Decades of research confirm that a student's level of phonemic awareness (the Science of Reading) is considered the most effective predictor of success in learning to read; and

Whereas, twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia have passed laws or implemented new policies related to supporting the Science of Reading (phonetics-based reading instruction). The states that have fully implemented the Science of Reading curriculums have shown dramatic and positive results in improving their students' achievement scores; and

Whereas, South Carolina has recognized the effectiveness of the Science of Reading curriculum and allows the state public schools to mix methods of teaching reading between non-phonetic methods and phonetic methods. This process continues to produce results from our public schools that are unacceptable;

Therefore Be It Resolved, all South Carolina public schools will cease any non-phonetic based reading curriculum and the Science of Reading method will be implemented and be deemed the preeminent and sole method of reading instruction in South Carolina public schools *except and only in cases where a student has been identified as needing additional reading accommodation methods as indicated by the approved South Carolina learning disabilities assessment process.*

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AFFIRMING BODILY AUTONOMY AND OPPOSING FORCED VACCINATIONS

Whereas, The Declaration of Independence reads, in part, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed"; and

Whereas, "life" is a God-given right that exists from the moment of fertilization forward; and

Whereas, the preamble of The Constitution of the United States proclaims, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America"; and

Whereas, we have been given individual rights by our Creator, not collective rights as a group; and

Whereas, certain entities -- whether elected officials, businesses, educational institutions, or others -- have pressed people to undergo medical interventions including but not limited to testing, wearing face masks, and receiving in their body injections of unknown and potentially life-threatening substances; and

Whereas, it is a violation of bodily autonomy and one's pursuit of happiness to require medical interventions with which a person is not comfortable; and

Whereas, there are numerous laws on the books making coercion a crime.

Therefore be it resolved, that the South Carolina Republican Party affirms individual rights, bodily autonomy, and the right of people to accept or reject medical interventions after having received complete informed consent from a knowledgeable healthcare provider; and

Be it further resolved that, the South Carolina Republican Party expressly denounces vaccine mandates, forced vaccinations, forced bio-chipping or microchipping of humans, and forced testing of humans for the purpose of entering government buildings or maintaining employment; and,

Be it further resolved, that the South Carolina Republican Party calls for the members of the Legislative Delegation to enact legislation to this effect.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY CALLING FOR PROTECTING THE MINDS OF MINORS

Whereas, South Carolina Title 16 Chapter 15 Sections 305 et. Seq. clearly state that it is illegal to disseminate obscene material to minors; and

Whereas, public libraries and public schools are exempt from the above law; and

Whereas, it is no longer sufficient to consider a book that is classified as “Young Adult” or “Juvenile” as containing material that is age-appropriate to minors; and

Whereas, The American Library Association has adopted a liberal interpretation of “Freedom to Read”, meaning that it is permissible to provide obscene materials to minors; and

Whereas, library books do not have ratings such as “R”, “PG13”, “PG”, “G” as movies do; and

Whereas, increasingly more and more books in the above-referenced categories would merit an “R” rating if they were to be rated the same way movies are; and

Whereas, most parents are unaware of the obscene content in the modern literature intended for minors;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the South Carolina Republican Party, on behalf of its members:

1. Urges the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate to pass legislation that will put an end to this type of material being made readily accessible to minor;
2. Urges the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate and local County and City Council to withhold funding to libraries that continue not only to place these materials in areas that are accessible to minors, but to recommend them to minors, even when the parents have explicitly told the librarians the disapprove of such material.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY

TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HATE CRIME LAWS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the Department of Justice defines a hate crime as a crime committed against a person based upon their specific characteristics, such as race, gender, or sexual orientation; and

Whereas, data suggests that Hate Crime legislation does not reduce or deter hate crimes; and

Whereas, we believe that Hate Crime legislation is unconstitutional and redundant, motivated by the media and politics, and rarely ever prosecuted; and

Whereas, Hate Crimes require intent and determining a Criminal Defendant's State of Mind in a hate crime case seems almost impossible; and

Whereas, Hate Crimes legislation can violate the First Amendment, Double Jeopardy, Equal Protection Rights; and

Whereas, Hate Crimes laws not only punish acts but also punish beliefs or opinions. Beliefs and opinions are protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The First Amendment literally protects free speech and opinion; and

Whereas, Hate Crimes laws also violate the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Rights. Hate Crime law punishes some people while valuing other people more under the law; and

Whereas, Hate Crimes laws exacerbate divisions in society and are unconstitutional. Hate crime laws cause reverse discrimination and result in greater charges against a white person who assaults a black man over a black man who assaults a white man. Our criminal justice system is meant to be color-blind;

Therefore Be It Resolved, the South Carolina Republican Party firmly believes in the U.S. and SC Constitution's Equal Protection Rights and Declaration of Rights, respectively, and reject all attempts by the South Carolina General Assembly to pass a feel-good Hate Crimes law to be imposed on the Citizens of our state;

Be It Further Resolved, the South Carolina Republican Party requests the state of South Carolina to adhere to our Constitutions and take action to end its pursuit of a Hate Crimes bill.

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to each member of the South Carolina General Assembly, the Governor of South Carolina, the SCGOP, and the major state newspapers.

