

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.