

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF POLITICAL PARTY TRANSPARENCY

WHEREAS, the integrity of the electoral process depends upon transparency, accountability, and public trust in all participants within the political system; and

WHEREAS, political parties play a central role in candidate selection, voter engagement, and the shaping of public policy, and therefore their leaders should be held to clear and consistent ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1130 seeks to strengthen public confidence by extending existing ethics, campaign, and lobbying laws to include political parties and their leadership; and

WHEREAS, this legislation promotes transparency by ensuring that individuals acting on behalf of political parties in a lobbying capacity are properly registered and disclose their activities; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1130 reinforces transparency by applying established ethical guidelines to both the Democrat and Republican Party Chairmen; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of fourteen Republican State Senators have demonstrated leadership and commitment to good governance by supporting this measure; and

WHEREAS, the principles of transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct are fundamental to Republican values of responsible government and public trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saluda County Republican Party formally expresses its support for Senate Bill 1130 and its efforts to enhance transparency and accountability within South Carolina's political process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saluda County Republican Party commends the fourteen Republican Senators who have supported this legislation for their leadership and dedication to ethical governance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if Senate Bill 1130 does not pass in the 2026 legislative session, that the Saluda County encourages the bill sponsors to refile the bill again in the 2027 legislative session;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of the South Carolina General Assembly and relevant party leadership to demonstrate grassroots support for the passage of principles in Senate Bill 1130.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Amy Potts, Chairwoman

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Melinda Kneece, Secretary