

## **A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY**

### **TO UPHOLD TRADITIONAL AMERICAN HISTORY AND RESTORE A SENSE OF NATIONAL CHARACTER IN PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, the 1619 Project Curriculum and Critical Race Theory are being taught in more than 4,500 classrooms in school districts across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1619 Project Curriculum teaches an inaccurate depiction of American history, negating the Declaration of Independence and the Founders' proclamation that "all men are created equal" and the affirmation of the natural rights of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1619 Project Curriculum requires all of American history to be viewed through the prism of slavery and segregation from 1619 to present day with the total omission of white Americans' contributions in the passage of the landmark 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments, school desegregation, the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, and making no mention of the contributions of black American icons Frederick Douglass and Martin Luther King, Jr., and hundreds of thousands of lives given for the principle of liberty for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Critical Race Theory (CRT) is a Marxist doctrine whose purpose is to divide students by race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic class, etc., and teach them to find bias and inequality everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, the effect of the 1619 Project and CRT is the division of people into oppressors and the oppressed, which may be unconstitutional under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment's Equal Protection clause and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the teaching of the 1619 Project Curriculum and CRT comes at the cost of proper civics education, including the essential functions of government, America's true founding, all citizens being treated equally under the rule of law, and the tenet that all men and women are created equal;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, unity, civility and respect must be taught to all students in South Carolina from kindergarten through college. To that end, the South Carolina Republican Party respectfully requests State Legislators create and pass legislation in this session that accomplishes the following:

- The prohibition of teaching the 1619 Project Curriculum and CRT in South Carolina public schools.
- Requiring public schools to promote and celebrate America's founding principles: equality of all humans, equal protection under the law, liberty, self-reliance, and hard work.

- Requiring Educators to use instructional content that creates a shared sense of national identity.
- Requiring Curriculum to be transparent and available to taxpayers and families to view.
- Prohibiting CRT and the 1619 Project Curriculum from being required learning for would-be teachers to become certified.
- Requiring Civics to be taught to all high school students to graduate.