A RESOLUTION OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY
REGARDING THE
STATE PARTY RULE ON SUPPORTING PETITION CANDIDATES
Passed July 17, 2012 by a unanimous vote of the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee, Chad Connelly, Chairman.

WHEREAS South Carolina Republican Party Rule 7(d)(5) states, "*Should any officer or delegate publicly endorse or financially support a candidate for partisan office other than a duly nominated Republican candidate, unless there is no Republican nominee in the relevant race, they shall immediately vacate their Republican Party office*."

WHEREAS, South Carolina Republican Party Rule 7(d)(5) further states, "*The State Executive Committee may waive this provision in statewide and multi-county elections, and the county executive committees may waive this provision for their county and less-than-county elections.*"

WHEREAS, The South Carolina Supreme Court decisions in Lexington County, and again in Florence County, caused the removal of candidates attempting to run for office as Republicans.

WHEREAS, Republicans believe in voters having choices at the ballot box, and those choices should not be inhibited by court decisions.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the South Carolina Republican Party Executive Committee waives punishment under SCGOP Rule 7(d)(5) for any officer or delegate who publicly endorses or financially supports a petition candidate who was removed from the ballot while attempting to run for office as a Republican. This rule will impact the 2012 election cycle only.

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