



RESOLUTION ON ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Submitted By Oak Pointe Precinct, Richland County

PASSED

WHEREAS, the SC Republican Party believes the United States must achieve energy independence.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SC Republican Party endorse an ‘all forms’ approach to energy independence that includes nuclear, coal, oil, wind, solar, and all new technologies that may become possible.

RESOLUTION ON ELECTION SECURITY

Submitted By Oak Pointe Precinct, Richland County

FAILED

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Election Commission provides only an electronic method of recording votes with no paper trail for the voter to hold the Commission accountable for local, state, and national elections; and

WHEREAS, the SC Republican Party believes in real voter accountability and election security.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SC Republican Party support providing every voter with both an option to cast a paper only ballot instead of an electronic ballot, and a confidential personal paper receipt for every electronic ballot.

RESOLUTION ON ORGAN DONATION

Submitted By Oak Pointe Precinct, Richland County

PASSED

WHEREAS, over 4000 Americans die each year while waiting for a donated organ.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SC Republican Party raise awareness of the need for, and support efforts to increase, organ donation registration.



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GOVERNOR SCOTT
WALKER OF WISCONSIN**

Submitted By Brandon Precinct, Richland County

PASSED

WHEREAS, the SC Republican Party supports balanced budgets and elimination of deficits in Government.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SC Republican Party send a letter of support to Governor Scott Walker for his efforts in these areas.

RESOLUTION ON STATEWIDE I & R PROCESS

Submitted By Ward 12, Richland County

FAILED

WHEREAS, issues of great concern to the citizens of SC are often not addressed, are tabled, and/or delayed by various means of their state leaders; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of SC have no direct course of action to affect an issue, and instead must work only through elected state leaders; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of SC wish to have a fully functional, working democratic process that better addresses their collective needs.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SC Republican Party support the adoption of an Initiative and Referendum (I & R) process statewide that operates the same as the local I & R (Home Rule) process.



RESOLUTION ON THE SC FAIR TAX ACT
Submitted By Spring Valley West Precinct, Richland County

PASSED

WHEREAS, the framers of the Constitution prohibited taxation of income and the products of one's labor, and that prohibition remained for the first 127 years of the existence of this country; and

WHEREAS, there is a large and growing body of economic evidence that conclusively demonstrates that taxing income reduces economic activity below what it otherwise would have been; and

WHEREAS, there are no credible economic analyses which conclude that taxing income increases economic growth; and

WHEREAS, unemployment in SC in December 2010 was 10.7% versus a national average of 9.4% and has been above the national average every year since 2001; and

WHEREAS, of the eleven states which adopted an income tax on their citizens over the past 50 years, the citizens of all those states experienced a decline in their standards of living compared to the national average as measured by per capita income; and

WHEREAS, significant reductions in the marginal income tax rates enacted during the administrations of Presidents Kennedy, Reagan, and Bush resulted in extended periods of robust economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in December 2010 in a bipartisan vote extended current tax rates rather than allowing them to increase, because the increases would have substantial negative impacts on economic growth rates; and

WHEREAS, the current SC Sales and Use Tax has over 70 categories of exemptions, exclusions, and limits, and these vary over the course of the year creating confusion and an unnecessary burden on retailers; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of SC demand a tax code that taxes all transactions at one rate for all products and services that will be the most efficient to implement, administer, and collect.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SC Republican Party urges all members of the Legislature to actively support and work for enactment of the SC Fair Tax Act in the General Assembly.



RESOLUTION ON SOUND MONEY

Submitted By Keenan, Monticello, and Oakwood Precincts, Richland County

FAILED

WHEREAS, the original States of our Union assembled in a Convention during summer of 1787 largely to create a single, stable, and sound system of money to protect and encourage commerce among our States; and

WHEREAS, the Convention achieved that mission, giving to Congress of the United States sole authority to “coin money” and to “fix the standard weights and measures” all within the same sentence; and under the powers of this new federal Constitution, the Congress via the “Coinage Act of 1792” implemented its power to “coin money”. The money system established under this act defined the American “dollar” to be 416 grains of standard silver; and also established a gold “eagle” at a ratio of 15:1 for larger transactions; and

WHEREAS, the stability and economic benefits of this sound money system caused our nation to become the world *de facto* standard; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 the American “dollar” has depreciated in value to the point where our current “dollar” in no manner resembles that which led America to its previous economic status, having no silver or gold backing whatsoever, greatly diminishing or destroying the standard of living for Americans as well as debasing our culture and is now causing other nations to no longer desire the “dollar” in their transactions in world commerce, putting our nation and the people of this State in grave danger of economic collapse resulting in hyperinflation and civil unrest.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SC Republican Party encourages the SC General Assembly to enable consumers and merchants to exercise Article 1, Section 10 of the US Constitution that requires “gold and silver coin as tender in payments of debts” as an alternative to the Federal Reserve System by creating a State depository of gold and silver to be utilized through electronic ownership transfer for payment of debts, taxes and encumbrances and thereby assist the citizenry of SC in being prudent and wise, not fearful, as we resolve the volatile risks we face.