

**A RESOLUTION OF  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SUPPORTING ETHICS REFORM IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

*Passed by the State Executive Committee – December 9, 2015*

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Republican Party Platform states that the South Carolina Republican Party “*expects our public officials to live within the confines of principle, virtue and law*”; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years there have been elected officials who have failed to live up to the high ethical standards set by the people of our state and the South Carolina Republican Party and who have breached the public trust and undermined the public’s faith in government by misusing public office and public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Haley, during her January 14, 2015 inaugural address said, “*It is both our opportunity and our duty to restore to the people of South Carolina their faith in their government*”; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Haley has fought for four years to deliver meaningful reform of our state’s ethics laws that would help restore faith in state government and has praised Senators Sean Bennett, Chip Campsen, John Courson, Ronnie Cromer, Tom Davis, Mike Fair, Greg Gregory, Larry Grooms, Wes Hayes, Greg Hembree, Larry Martin, Shane Massey, Harvey Peeler, Katrina Shealy, Paul Thurmond, Ross Turner, Danny Verdin, and Tom Young for fighting alongside her for ethics reform; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Republican Party Platform further states: “*Our legislators must continue to move with dispatch toward establishing the boundaries where ethical behavior leaves off and abuse begins*”; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee calls on every Republican Senator to join Governor Haley in the effort to reform our state’s ethics laws and pass meaningful reform as soon as the General Assembly reconvenes in January; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee urges that ethics reform legislation include income disclosure for members of the General Assembly that allows the people to know who is paying their legislators and that rids the system of conflicts of interest; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Executive Committee urges that ethics reform legislation ends the process once and for all of legislators policing legislators by establishing truly independent investigations of potential ethics violations by public officials.