

**A RESOLUTION OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CONVENTION
SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF “COLD WAR VICTORY DAY”**

Passed by the State Executive Committee – August 16, 2014

WHEREAS, millions of American men and women served in uniform and in clandestine service agencies, tasked with defending the United States and its allies during the Cold War, in an undeclared conflict which lasted from 1945 to 1991, often in remote locations and in hostile conditions where they were forced to exercise restraint to avoid the possibility of global nuclear war;

WHEREAS, this period began with the incomplete liberation of much of Europe from tyranny at the end of World War II and concluded with the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact and the Soviet Union and the rapid spread of democracy, especially in central and eastern Europe;

WHEREAS, the men and women who served admirably and helped bring about the global collapse of the Soviet Union and what President Ronald Reagan called “The Evil Empire” are worthy of recognition, as is the triumph of freedom over communism;

WHEREAS, the States of Maine and Kansas have enacted legislation to recognize May 1st, long known as Communist May Day, as “Cold War Victory Day”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention wishes to express its gratitude for those who stood guard both in uniformed and covert services during the Cold War era, recognizing both their sacrifices and their role in the fall of the Soviet Union;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention wishes to recognize the importance of the victory of freedom over communism in many nations as a result of the successful conclusion of the Cold War;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention calls upon the South Carolina General Assembly, particularly Republican legislators, to join Kansas and Maine in declaring an annual recognition of Cold War Victory Day on the first day of May.