

**A RESOLUTION OF  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
REMEMBERING FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND  
HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

*Passed by the State Executive Committee – January 24, 2015*

**WHEREAS**, the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party has a long-established commitment to promoting public safety in South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party recognizes the price paid by its law enforcement heroes, including three law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in South Carolina in 2014:

- Investigator Holmes Smith of the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, lost in the line of duty on Wednesday, November 5, 2014
- Patrolman Robert Blajszczak of the Summerville Police Department, lost in the line of duty on Sunday, October 26, 2014
- Deputy Sheriff Joseph Matuskovic of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, lost in the line of duty on Monday, September 8, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, there are recent reports of gangs brazenly threatening the lives of law enforcement officers in Chester County following the murder of a member of Chester City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party prays for the recovery of the son of Lancaster County Republican Party Chairman Sandy McGarry, a Sheriff's Deputy in Lancaster County, who was brutally attacked by a suspect earlier this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party wishes to honor those who have sacrificed in the line of duty, as well as their families and thank them for what they do on the job to keep our communities and state safe; therefore be it

**RESOLVED,**

- That the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party wishes to extend its deepest appreciation to those who serve in law enforcement roles in South Carolina, as well as the friends and family who support them; and
- That the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party wishes to remember those lost in the line of duty and honor their sacrifices, as well as extend our gratitude to their families for their service; and
- That the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party stands fully behind those brave law enforcement heroes who do so much to keep our communities safe; and

· That the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party commends its elected Republican Sheriffs and their staffs for the work they do; and

· That the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party calls upon elected officials at the federal, state and local levels to ensure our communities are kept safer and our law enforcement officers are well-supported in their work.

This proposed Resolution shall be issued if adopted by a majority affirmative vote of the members of the State Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party.