

**A RESOLUTION OF  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CONVENTION  
REGARDING TEACHING THE CONSTITUTION, DECLARATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE AND FEDERALIST PAPERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*Passed by the State Executive Committee – May 3, 2014*

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Code of Laws Section 59-29-120(A) requires “*All high schools, colleges, and universities in this State that are sustained or in any manner supported by public funds shall give instruction in the essentials of the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the Federalist Papers, including the study of and devotion to American institutions and ideals, and no student in any such school, college, or university may receive a certificate of graduation without previously passing a satisfactory examination upon the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the Federalist Papers, and, if a citizen of the United States, satisfying the examining power of his loyalty thereto*”; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 59-29-130 requires “*The instruction provided for in Section 59-29-120 shall be given for at least one year of the high school, college and university grades, respectively*”; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 59-29-140 requires “*Enforcement of program of study of United States Constitution by State Superintendent*”; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 59-29-150 requires “*Failure to comply with requirements for program of study of United States Constitution as cause for dismissal*”:

“*Willful neglect or failure on the part of any public school superintendent, principal or teacher or the president, teacher or other officer of any high school, normal school, university or college to observe and carry out the requirements of Sections 59-29-120 to 59-29-140 shall be sufficient cause for the dismissal or removal of such person from his position*”; and

**WHEREAS**, many schools receiving public funds within the State of South Carolina do not teach the Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Federalist Papers or for the required length of time, as required by law; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the South Carolina Republican Party State Convention calls on the South Carolina Superintendent of Education and state leaders to enforce S.C. Code of Laws Sections 59-29-120 to 59-29-150 in all high schools, colleges, and universities in this State that are sustained or in any manner supported by public funds, as required by law.