A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY TO CHANGE STATE LAW TO MANDATE THE TEACHING OF THE UNITED STATES FORM OF GOVERNMENT AS A CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Education Social Studies College-and-Career-Ready Standards dated January 8, 2019, page 102 under the title: United States Government Standards, incorrectly mandates the use of the term "American Constitutional Democracy" to describe the American form of government, which was founded specifically as a Constitutional Republic; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Education Social Studies College-and-Career-Ready Standards does not mention or define the term "Constitutional Republic" at all; and

WHEREAS, the term "American Constitutional Democracy" is a purposeful use of language to subvert the fundamental principles of a Republic as the form of Government. The founders explicitly rejected Democracy as the form of government as expressed by Hamilton in Federalist 1, Jefferson, Adams and Madison in Federalist 10 who specifically argued about the dangers of "factions" as a danger in a populist Democratic government; and

WHEREAS, Article IV Section 4 of the United States Constitution states, "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a Republican Form of Government"; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party supports a change in South Carolina Code to rectify the inaccuracy and ensure that the correct form of Government is taught in our schools; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Republican Party supports a change to Title 59 to require that the South Carolina Department of Education use the term American Constitutional Republic and the principles therein as the standard;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the South Carolina Republican Party urges the South Carolina House and South Carolina Senate to modify Title 59 to mandate the Department of Education to use "Constitutional Republic" as the correct form of American Government in Social Studies College-and-Career-Ready Standards.