

## **Resolution Calling for State Party Registration and Closed Primary Elections**

**WHEREAS**, in the State of Alabama, primary elections serve as the preliminary process by which candidates are nominated to represent either the Republican or Democratic Party, and

**WHEREAS**, both parties have, throughout the years, periodically required voters to participate with voting consistency to avoid voters crossing from one party primary to another party primary and then engaging in the other party's election and intentionally influencing the vote totals for candidates receiving votes in the nomination process, and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently thirty-one (31) states that require voters to register by party, and

**WHEREAS**, in states that party registration is required, only those voters that are registered with a party are permitted to vote in that party's primary, and

**WHEREAS**, open primaries have led to Democrat voters' ability to legally cross over party lines and vote in the primary of the Republican party and influence who the Republican nominee will be in the General election, Delegates to the Republican National Convention, and County and State Republican Executive Committee positions, and

**WHEREAS**, without party registration, candidates who qualify to run as Republicans have not established a record of party affiliation.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Morgan County Republican Executive Committee (MCREC), would like to state our support of party registration and closed primary elections in the state of Alabama. We believe that only those voters who are declared Republicans should be deciding who the Republican nominee will be in our Alabama elections at the County, State, and Federal level.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call on the Alabama Republican Executive Committee to pass this or similar Resolution at the next scheduled meeting and forward said Resolution to the Alabama Republican Legislative members to approve legislation in the 2023 session requiring party registration well in advance of the election in order to vote in the Republican Party primary.

This resolution unanimously adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022 by the Morgan County Republican Executive Committee.

*Submitted by:*

*Morgan County Executive Committee members: Julie Clausen (Chairman) and Jesse Hockett.*

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Julie Clausen, Chairman

Renee Fields, Secretary