

RESOLUTION OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the undersigned believe a representative form of government occurs when the supreme governing body is an assembly composed of delegates, elected directly by the members or at intermediate assemblies or conventions of members or their representatives, together with other delegates as may be prescribed in the society's laws; and, that the power such positive voluntary grant and institution can be no other than what that positive grant conveyed.

WHEREAS, the undersigned acknowledge and confirm that the Republican Party of Florida, as a duly formed entity, is a representative form of government, whose objectives are set forth in the Constitution of the Republican State Executive Committee of Florida as follows:

- 1) To develop a strong, effective, informed Republican Party of Florida;
- 2) To support the principles, objectives and platforms of the Republican Party, and to secure the election of all duly nominated Republican candidates;
- 3) To encourage all able and qualified Republicans to seek office at all levels of government; and,
- 4) To regulate the use of party name and symbols

WHEREAS, the undersigned understand, acknowledge, and confirm that a closed primary is the proper forum and method for the members of the Republican Party to properly elect the Republican Party's nominee for a political office.

WHEREAS, the undersigned understand, acknowledge, and confirm that the unequivocal and biased support or endorsement by the Republican Party of Florida as an entity, or any duly recognized subdivision thereof, of any Republican candidate over another properly registered Republican who fosters the ideals and Principles of the Republican Party and is not otherwise morally objectionable, is contrary to the interests and rights of the individuals each respective organization represents and the principles and ideals of the Republican Party, unless such endorsement has been duly voted upon in accordance with Rule 8 of the Republican Party of Florida Rules of Procedure.

WHEREAS, the undersigned hold and assert, that the actions of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida and the Republican Party of Florida, since the announcement by Governor Charlie Christ of his candidacy for U.S. Senate, have contravened and ignored the principles and ideals of the Republican party, the underlying philosophies of party primaries, the objectives set forth in the Constitution of the Republican Party of Florida, Rule 8 of the Republican Party of Florida Rules of Procedure, the Republican Party of Florida's representative form of government, and the inherent duties obligatory to any constituency so represented.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned resolve that as individuals, we may express our individual thoughts, concerns and beliefs regarding one Republican candidate over another

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Republican candidate; however, we resolve not to speak ill of any fellow Republican, nor use any elected office within the Republican Party, The Republican Party of Florida, or any duly recognized subdivision thereof, as a platform to support one Republican candidate over another, unless such endorsement has been duly voted upon in accordance with Rule 8 of the Republican Party of Florida Rules of Procedure.

An endorsement in accordance with Rule 8 of the Republican Party of Florida Rules of Procedure should only be sought where one candidate is morally objectionable, or does not foster the ideals and Principles of the Republican Party.

Where information is disseminated by the Republican Party, The Republican Party of Florida, or any duly recognized subdivision thereof, such information should be fair, impartial, and not infer preference by the leadership of the Republican Party, The Republican Party of Florida, or any duly recognized subdivision thereof, of any one Republican Candidate over another, unless such endorsement has been duly voted upon in accordance with Rule 8 of the Republican Party of Florida Rules of Procedure.

Where Republican candidates are invited by the Republican Party, The Republican Party of Florida, or any duly recognized subdivision thereof, to attend any event sponsored by the Republican Party, The Republican Party of Florida, or any duly recognized subdivision thereof, all Republican candidates for the same office of the invitee shall also be invited to attend. In the event that such invite was extended prior to a Republican candidate's candidacy for any government office, such engagement shall be acceptable and not contrary to this resolution if such invitation was accepted in the good faith.

SO RESOLVED.

Unanimously adopted by the Hillsborough County Republican Executive Committee Board this the 14th day of May, 2009.

***Deborah Cox-Roush, Chairman,
on behalf of the board***
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When the government fears the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny.

Attributed to Thomas Jefferson

But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.

John Adams, letter to Abigail Adams, July 17, 1775

The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind.

Thomas Paine, Common Sense, 1776

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