

RESOLUTION AGAINST THE 2 PROPOSED RULES CHANGES FOR THE MAY 18TH RPA STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

WHEREAS the Arkansas's state motto is Regnant Populus, "The People Rule."

WHEREAS the proposed rules changes are an attempt to remove power from the people, especially the grassroots people in the County Committees by prohibiting them from declaring candidates above the county level "not recommended"; and

WHEREAS the counties are represented by candidates above the county level;

WHEREAS the second proposed rule change asks the state committee to raise the threshold for the State Convention to make changes to the rules and platform to require a 2/3 vote to pass.

WHEREAS "the final authority in all party matters shall rest in the biennial Republican State Convention," and therefore no deliberative body except the State Convention ought to limit the Convention's authority, RPA Rules, Article 1, Section 1B;

WHEREAS the State Convention and the County Committees are the bodies most directly selected by, and therefore most representative of, the People; and

WHEREAS consolidating power away from the people's closest representatives contradicts the Republican principle of local governance and instead favors a top-down edict, and

WHEREAS the County Committees are the level of political involvement closest to the people and deserve to have a voice in our State.

T H E R E F O R E B E I T

RESOLVED that the Saline County Republican Committee OPPOSES and condemns the adoption of both rule changes proposed for the May 18, 2024, RPA State Committee Meeting; and

RESOLVED that the Saline County Republican Committee affirms that power should default to the People, and to those bodies most closely representing them, in accordance with the RPA Platform.

Adopted this 30th day of March, 2024.


Chairman


Secretary