

***Resolution for Implementing Hand Counted Paper Ballots
in All Elections in the Commonwealth of Virginia***

Whereas, The Spotsylvania County Republican Committee (hereafter SCRC) is committed to supporting principles and practices that promote free, fair, and transparent elections in the County of Spotsylvania, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States of America; and

Whereas, The Republican National Committee (hereafter RNC) passed a resolution “Urging a Return to Excellence in American Voting and Elections,” and declared opposition to voting manipulation schemes and a return to the functional and historic balloting and polling experience that Americans understand, appreciate, and love; and

Whereas, The SCRC supports the RNC resolution to Return to Excellence in American Voting and Elections, as a stand-alone resolution; and

Whereas, Free and fair elections are fundamental to our Republican form of government, Constitution of the United States Article VI section 4, “The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government;” and

Whereas, Republicans value the principles that every legal vote must be counted, every legal vote must be cast by a legally registered US citizen and every effort must be made to promote fair, free, transparent, accurate, auditable, and voter verifiable elections in the County of Spotsylvania, and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

Whereas, Elected officials and candidates at the highest levels of federal government in both political parties have claimed voter fraud was the direct cause for loss of elections for their respective parties in the presidential and mid-term elections of 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2022; and

Whereas, The public perception is that voter fraud is real and widespread, thereby developing distrust in the election results and driving honest citizens out of the democratic process; and

Whereas, The latest Rasmussen Reports national telephone and online survey finds that 66% of Likely U.S. voters are concerned that the outcome of the presidential election will be affected by cheating, including 40% who are Very Concerned. Thirty-one percent (31%) aren’t concerned, including 14% who are Not At All Concerned about cheating in the election; and

Whereas, Constitution of Virginia; Article II section 3. Method of voting, “In elections by the people, the following safeguards shall be maintained: **Voting shall be by ballot** or by machines for receiving, recording, and counting votes cast;” and

Whereas, Article II section 3. Method of voting, “but the ballot box or voting machine shall be kept in public view and shall not be opened, nor the ballots canvassed **nor the votes counted in secret;**” and

Whereas, Electronic voting machines with the procedures established in the Virginia Code and Administrative Code have inherently created a secret count; and

Whereas, Poll observers or election officials are unable to ascertain if the counting of the votes on the ballot as recorded on the tabulation tape is in fact an accurate count and the intent of the voter; and

Whereas, Audit logs, cast vote records, ballot images and ballots are not public records, with the proprietary software that isn’t open sourced to be examined by independent experts, has created a secret count that lacks transparency, the inability of the public to confirm accuracy, or to audit, and verify elections as trustworthy; and

Whereas, The lack of transparency using the election machines and procedures has violated the Constitution of Virginia, Article II section 3 so that the constitution is not in harmony; and

Whereas, The evidence provided by Sheriff Dar Leaf of Barry County, MI has made available over 2500 pages out of over a million documents to the public, into the investigation of Dominion Voting Systems Serbian employees that altered and manipulated election results of all states that used their systems in past elections; and

Whereas, In the Commonwealth of Virginia, approximately 29 counties and cities use the federal and state certified Dominion voting systems; and

Whereas, Election results have been contested and, in some cases, results have been reversed due to voting machine issues, usually called glitches, programming errors, coding mistakes and the like; and

Whereas, Virginia can be a national example for a paper ballot, hand counted procedure that will restore to a, Transparent, Accurate, and Trustworthy elections that all U.S. Citizens in the Commonwealth of Virginia with confidence will know that their vote counted the way they intended for it to be counted; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee;

1. ***Urges*** the General Assembly of Virginia to immediately discontinue all electronic voting machines; and

2. ***Urges*** the General Assembly of Virginia to institute the use of hand counted paper ballots as mentioned in the Constitution of Virginia, Article II section 3; and

3. ***Urges*** the General Assembly of Virginia to establish procedures of how to conduct the paper ballot, hand counted method with a transparent, accurate, auditable, and voter verifiable elections; and

4. ***Urges*** the Attorney General, Jason Miyares to conduct a formal investigation into the evidence provided by Sheriff Dar Leaf and the evidence that the Commonwealth of Virginia past elections were altered or manipulated by foreign nationals working for Dominion Voting systems; and

5. ***Urges*** the Chairman of the SCRC shall make copies of this resolution to be published by Public Notice and to be disseminated to all Republican members of the Spotsylvania County Electoral Board, Virginia State Board of Elections, and Virginia General Assembly.

6. ***Directs*** the Chairman of the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee to disseminate copies of this Resolution to all 7th District Virginia Republican Units with the request that ALL Units endorse it.

Supported and Endorsed by the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The undersigned Chairman of the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee hereby certifies that the Resolution set forth above was adopted during an open meeting on _____, 2024 by the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee with the following votes:

Aye:

Nay:

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

By: _____

Jordan Lynch, Chairman of the Spotsylvania County Republican Committee

REPUBLICAN

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION URGING A “RETURN TO EXCELLENCE” IN AMERICAN VOTING AND ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, To present a formal Resolution from the Republican National Committee for declared opposition to voting manipulation schemes and to return to the functional and historic balloting and polling experience that Americans understand, appreciate, and love;

WHEREAS, The mission of the Republican Party is to act as the party that encourages and allows the broadest possible participation to all voters and to assure that the Republican Party is open and accessible to all Americans;

WHEREAS, Ensuring the integrity of our voting and election administration is critical and foundational to maintaining a civil and decent society decentralized from a federal government as the Founders intended;

WHEREAS, Americans expect accurate and swift determinations as it pertains to elections and the administration of elections;

WHEREAS, Elections have been under assault from those on the Left as they attempt to implement schemes and intentionally inject chaotic administrative changes that have drastically changed how elections are conducted in hundreds of the most populous counties and regions across the nation;

WHEREAS, Election officials are obligated to apply polling place access equitably in states, and should not eliminate polling places in order and to move to “vote center” models that make polling place access more difficult in more conservative areas;

WHEREAS, Democrats are passing non-citizen voting laws in liberal cities, which the Republican National Committee has previously resolved to oppose and ensure only United States citizens decide our elections;

WHEREAS, Republican officials are explicitly asking for decisive direction and support from the national Republican apparatus and elected Republican leadership;

WHEREAS, The grassroots activists of the Republican Party have discovered and made it abundantly clear that there are recognized problems with electronic election procedures and intentional complications of instituted systems that complicate, belabor, and slow down our election processes;

WHEREAS, Election experts agree that the most resilient voting systems use paper ballots, either marked by hand or with an assistive device, and are verified by the voter before any means of tabulation; and

WHEREAS, The Republican National Committee has unanimously opposed complicated election schemes like Ranked Choice Voting that is a clear example of the chaos being pushed on our states and territories; therefore, be it



RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee boldly opposes means of voting that do not have the proper safeguards in place and are exclusively electronic and calls on every county and state in the nation to use as the default ballot systems, which are fully auditable, namely hand-marked, voter-verified paper ballots to ensure every voter is memorialized by a paper record;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls on secretaries of state of each state to implement anti-counterfeit ballot printing, tracing and verification procedures;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee formed a special Election Integrity Committee designed to offer ideas, suggestions and reports on election equipment and voting procedures and it will integrate its findings of best practices through the Election Integrity Department and communicating its findings on voting schemes, balloting systems, election equipment, and safeguards to elected officials, candidates, and voters;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee supports the rights of counties and states that are willing and able to competently and efficiently implement voting procedures that do not require the use of machines and those that implement hand counting procedures that are fully auditable;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls on state legislatures, county, and municipal governments to pass laws and municipal codes and rules that allow for full transparent hand-counting procedures that are planned, timely and fully observable by the public and the registered parties for geographically defined audits and recounts;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls on all Republican officeholders to defend the historic practice of geographically-defined and assigned precinct, ward and localized polling places for means of balloting and tabulating paper ballots by geographic unit;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee stands firmly behind voter identification laws and calls on state legislatures to pass laws to ensure every voter is verified to be the actual voter regardless of method in which they vote at the time of voting, casting, or delivering a ballot;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee hereby opposes any and all efforts for states to unreasonably expand time periods for early or vote-by-mail that makes ballot counting procedures intentionally unmanageable or incapable to complete expeditiously following the conclusion of an election on election day;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls for elimination of temporary or 'pop-up' voting locations, drop boxes, and any other voting center that are not fairly defined and bound to a designated geographic territory and where voting locations exist, namely by precinct, so that voting is accessible equitably by legal precinct, ward or defined geographic unit in order to provide impartial access for all voters; and

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee calls for a necessary "return to excellence" or in other words, a return to the simple and proven methods of precinct, ward or geographically-defined localized voting with auditable balloting procedures using paper ballots, in fair, reasonable limited time periods, using proper identification to strengthen voter confidence and to ensure that American election procedures can be a fair and open process for all to participate.