

RECOMMENDED

RESOLUTION NO 2020-01

RESOLUTION URGING CREATION OF A DAY TO HONOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

WHEREAS, in 1884 “Labor Day” was established as an official federal holiday to honor America’s workers and the contributions made by them to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country; and

WHEREAS, no such day has been established to annually honor the owners of America’s small businesses, and the entrepreneurs who at great personal risk provide jobs for America’s workers; and

WHEREAS, the economic engine of American capitalism in Alabama and the United States is small business; and

WHEREAS, small businesses represent over 98% of all U.S. businesses and produce over half of the U.S. \$20 trillion GDP; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2019 the Small Business Administration reported that small businesses created 2/3 of net new jobs in the U.S. and accounted for 44% of U.S. economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the cities, towns and counties throughout the State of Alabama have been the home for thousands of small businesses over the history of our state; and

WHEREAS, these small businesses, through the sale of their goods and services, meet the basic needs of our fellow Alabamians and citizens across the United States as well as people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, these small businesses, with the sale of their goods and services, provide the essential tax base for the operation of our local, state and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, the cities, towns and counties throughout Alabama have been and will continue to be home to small businesses which have grown to state, national and world-wide recognition;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Party that all citizens of

Alabama who own small businesses should be, and hereby are, commended for their contributions to the State's economy and to the quality of life of its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RERSOLVED that the Governor of the State of Alabama, and the legislature of the state are urged in all their labors to preserve, promote and protect the health of small business enterprises throughout the State of Alabama, and that the last Saturday of August be designated and celebrated annually in Alabama as Small Business Owners Appreciation Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon adoption, this resolution be sent to the governor of Alabama and to all Republican members of the State Senate and the State House.

This resolution adopted this 22nd day of February 2020 by the Executive Committee of the Alabama Republican Party in session at Prattville, Alabama.

Josh Dodd, Secretary

Terry Lathan, Chairman

Submitted by William ("Will") Smith, Lauderdale County.

RECOMMENDED

RESOLUTION NO 2020-02

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE “NEW MATH STANDARDS” ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Executive Committee and the Republican National Committee have consistently been strong supporters of local school choice and have condemned the implementation of common Core Curriculum in our public school system; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education consists of nine members, eight elected in districts with the remaining seat occupied by the governor who serves as the body’s President; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2019 the State Board of Education voted 5-3 to pass what was called “New Math Standards”; and

WHEREAS, several days before the vote and the day of the vote on these “New Math Standards”, each State Board of Education member as supplied with side-by-side color coded documents of each grade K-12 comparing the “New Math Standards” line by line to the existing Common Core state Standards line-by-line; and

WHEREAS, these comparisons proved to be the virtual exact same standards as the Common Core State Standards: and

WHEREAS, the “New Math Standards” were duplicated from the Common Core State Standards: and

WHEREAS, after viewing the contrast of the old standards to the revised standards, the Governor and four State Board of Education members voted to adopt almost the same standards that have placed Alabama 52nd in NAEP (National Assessment of Education Progress) scoring;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Party, acting by and through its State Executive committee duly assembled, hereby expresses its strong discontent with the members who voted in favor of these standards – Governor Ivey, Tracie West (District 2- Republican), Yvette Richardson (District 4- Democrat), Dr Cynthia McCarty (District 6- Republican), and Jeffrey Newman (District 7-Republican), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the leaders of the Alabama Republican Party hereby urge all Alabama Republican Party Executive Committee Members to voice their concerns and

discontent to each of these who voted to keep the same standards that have brought demise to our education system.

This resolution adopted this 22nd day of February 2020 by the Executive Committee of the Alabama Republican Party in session at Prattville, Alabama.

Josh Dodd, Secretary

Terry Lathan, Chairman

Submitted by: Mike Parsons, Madison County
Mary F. ("Betty") Peters, Houston County
Virginia Howard, Dale County

RESOLUTION NO 2020-03

RESOLUTION COMMENDING ANNE T. ODOM

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Executive Committee pauses from time to time to recognize members of long service for their valuable and effective service to their respective communities, to the State at large, and for their contributions to sound government; and

WHEREAS, Anne T. Odom of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama was born September 1, 1928 and at the young age of 15 boarded a bus to Mobile, Alabama to meet and work in the 1944 presidential campaign of Thomas E. Dewey; and

WHEREAS, after working in many other campaigns, she and her husband, James J. Odom, and several others, working together in 1962, organized a Republican Club which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s she ran an unsuccessful campaign against Roy Johnson for a seat in the Alabama House; and

WHEREAS, she attended the 1976 Republican National Convention in Kansas City as an alternate delegate for Richard Rhone and performed his duties as “delegate” for a time when he was unable to attend; and

WHEREAS, she has worked in countless Republican campaigns for the past 76 years registering voters, handling mail-outs, telephone canvassing, delivering yard signs, serving as a poll worker and poll watcher, and faithfully serving on the Tuscaloosa County Republican Executive Committee and on the Alabama State Republican Executive Committee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee commends Anne T. Odom for her steadfast and effective public service, for her many years of service on this Committee, and for a life well lived.

This resolution adopted by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee on this the 22nd day of February 2020 in session at Prattville, Alabama.

Josh Dodd, Secretary

Terry Lathan, Chairman

Submitted by: Matt Hood, Chairman, Tuscaloosa County
Jackie Kirk Ray, Tuscaloosa County

RESOLUTION NO 2020-04

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ALABAMA AS A SANCTUARY FOR THE UNBORN

WHEREAS, “life” is the first declared right in the Declaration of Independence wherein our founders affirmed: “We hold these rights to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Party believes the protection of all human life is important to the people of Alabama, and every human life is unique and precious to God and to humankind; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Party believes human life begins at the moment of conception and continues, uninterrupted until the moment of natural death; believes human life must be protected and preserved; and has a strong platform in defense of the unborn; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has passed the strongest legislation in the nation for the defense of the unborn; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that in 2020, the voters of Alabama defeat U.S. Senator Doug Jones who does not share nor represent these values;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Party encourages all Alabamians to assist in:

- Helping pregnant women find healthcare and other needs;
- Helping mothers and fathers in need find parenting assistance;
- Supporting mothers and fathers who make decisions to adopt a child;
- Supporting highly responsible married men and women seeking to adopt by helping them find practical and expeditious adoption procedures; and
- Reasonable efforts to close the Alabama abortion clinics in Huntsville, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, Birmingham and Mobile;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Party calls on our State of Alabama Governor and legislators to expedite the enactment of a resolution in the next legislative session to declare Alabama is a Sanctuary for the Unborn.

This resolution adopted this 22nd day of February 2020 by the Executive Committee of the Alabama Republican Party in session at Prattville, Alabama.

Josh Dodd, Secretary

Terry Lathan, Chairman

Submitted by: Col James Henderson, Morgan County

RECOMMENDED

RESOLUTION NO 2020-05

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP

WHEREAS, the Democrat Party has again placed their Democrat Party's interests above our national interests by bringing impeachment charges against President Trump; and

WHEREAS, the Democrat Party has sought to undermine the efforts of President Trump, as Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces, in carrying out his responsibilities for our nation's defense in the Middle-East by attempting to pass policies to restrict the performance of his duties and undermine his efforts; and

WHEREAS, under President Trump's leadership, our nation has reversed the failed policies and practices of the previous administration and achieved numerous economic, social and defense related accomplishments which strongly benefit our entire nation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Party is immensely grateful and appreciative of President Trump's leadership and accomplishments and calls on all Alabamians to join us in supporting and voting for President Trump for his second term so he can continue to make America great again.

This resolution adopted this 22nd day of February 2020 by the Executive Committee of the Alabama Republican Party in session at Prattville, Alabama.

Josh Dodd, Secretary

Terry Lathan, Chairman

Submitted by: Col James Henderson, Morgan County

RECOMMENDED

RESOLUTION NO 2020-07

RESOLUTION COMMENDING EDMON MCKINLEY

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Executive Committee pauses from time to time to recognize members of long service for their valuable and effective service to their respective communities, to the State at large, and for their contributions to sound government; and

WHEREAS, Edmon H. McKinley, now residing in Clarke County, Alabama, served as a committee chairman for the 1986 Southern Republican Leadership Convention in Mobile; and

WHEREAS, Edmon H. McKinley, now 69 years of age, became chairman of the Clarke County Republican Executive Committee in 1988 and continued to serve in that capacity until September 2019, a total of 31 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 there were no elected Republican officials in Clarke County but, at the time of Edmon McKinley's resignation as Chairman of his county's Republican Executive Committee, there were eleven such officials – including the Probate Judge, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, Superintendent of Education, Coroner and a majority of the County commissioners and County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, he established the first ballot security program in Clarke County for both primary and general elections; and

WHEREAS, he served as the Southwest Coordinator for Governor Guy Hunt's second campaign in 1990; and

WHEREAS, he served as an alternate delegate to the 2016 Donald Trump Campaign at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, he has worked in all of Senator Richard Shelby's and Senator Sessions' campaigns; and

WHEREAS, he has served in campaign positions for Bill Pryor, John McMillian, Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, Bradley Byrne and governor Kay Ivey, and he served on the Advisory Committee for Winton Blount's gubernatorial committee; and

WHEREAS, he has served for an estimated thirty years on the Alabama Republican Executive committee both as an Ex Officio member and as an elected member; and

WHEREAS, he has recently been granted membership in the *Sons of the Revolution* and wishes now to spend more time with his family and with this new prestigious organization;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee commends Edmon H. McKinley for his steadfast and effective public service, for his many years of service on this Committee, and for a life well lived.

This resolution adopted by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee on this the 22nd day of February 2020 in session at Prattville, Alabama.

Josh Dodd, Secretary

Terry Lathan, Chairman

Submitted by: Pierce Boyd, Sumter County

RESOLUTION NO 2020-08

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL PARTICIPATION IN 2020 CENSUS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution, to conduct an accurate count of the population every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau faces increasing challenges with the Census, including declining response rates, technological change, and fiscal constraints; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kay Ivey has formed the *Alabama Counts* initiative to prepare our state for the 2020 Census, raise awareness of the importance of the Census, and encourage participation by every Alabamian in the Census that begins on April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama and its political subdivisions receive federal funding, and the basis for receiving these federal funds relies in part on Census-derived data; and

WHEREAS, Alabama currently receives more than \$13 billion annually, in Census-derived federal funding for programs such as Medicare and highway construction; and

WHEREAS, Census data determines the total number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives for each state and thus the number of Electoral College votes cast for President; and

WHEREAS, Census data is used in the redistricting of political boundaries including the state legislature, county commissions, city councils and other elected positions and boards across our State; and

WHEREAS, since 1970, Alabama has maintained seven (7) Congressional seats and nine (9) Electoral College votes each Presidential election cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Party recognizes Alabama is one of the most conservative red states in the union and hereby seeks to continue our strong, principled, conservative representation at every level of government; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Republican Party recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and believes that Census participation is a *Patriotic Duty* and, therefore, a responsibility of every Alabama citizen similar to other civic duties such as voting, paying taxes and registering with the Selective Service;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Party directs each of our sixty-seven (67) Republican County Executive Committee organizations to actively promote and encourage by resolution, and other means, full participation in the 2020 Census in their local communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alabama Republican Party hereby encourages all Alabamians to fully participate in the 2020 Census, pledges continued assistance to support Governor Ivey and *Alabama Counts* to promote, educate and assist with Census efforts to ensure a complete, fair and accurate Census so that every Alabama resident is counted.

This resolution adopted by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee on this the 22nd day of February 2020 in session in Prattville, Alabama.

Josh Dodd, Secretary

Terry Lathan, Chairman

Submitted by: Terry Lathan Mobile County