

RESOLUTION OPPOSING “NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT”

WHEREAS, the Constitutional method of electing the President of the United States through the Electoral College was the method deemed best by the founding fathers of the United States of America for ensuring state sovereignty because all states, both large and small, are included in the presidential election process; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution preserves the balance of power and authority between the federal and state governments through the mechanism of the Electoral College; and,

WHEREAS, the Electoral College has been tested and proven itself over 56 presidential elections as the method to best preserve our representative form of democracy, resulting in the election of a President by a majority of electoral votes not a mere plurality; and,

WHEREAS, the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” if successfully implemented would eviscerate the constitutional Electoral College process of electing the President of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” if successfully implemented would radically change the way we elect our President through a questionable legal maneuver by changing the rules of presidential elections via a compact between as few as 11 states instead of the normal 38 states needed to amend the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, under the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact,” if successfully implements would make a non-member state’s electoral votes are irrelevant because member states electoral votes would number 270 or more and they would award their votes to the national popular voter winner, effectively destroying the Electoral College; and,

WHEREAS, the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” if successfully implemented would undermine state authority and give more populated media markets power over the voice of the states; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee opposes this attempt to undermine the U.S. Constitution and the Electoral College by way of the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact;” and, further be it

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee does fully endorse retaining the constitutionally approved and time-tested Electoral College method of awarding electoral votes to candidates to win the office of President United States of America; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee strongly encourages all state legislatures and Governors to reject the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.”

As approved by the Republican National Committee, August 5, 2011