



## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CIVICS INSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, Our nation is a Republic, its protection and preservation necessitate the consistent and vigilant engagement of its citizenry;

WHEREAS, It is difficult, if not impossible, to protect and preserve a government about which one is uninformed;

WHEREAS, It is of utmost importance that awareness of our framework of government; its intended protections of unalienable individual liberties; and its constraints on government power, both vertically in terms of federalism and horizontally in terms of checks and balances, on its branches are all clearly understood;

WHEREAS, Being well-aware of the great temptation for education to be utilized as a tool for political polarization and indoctrination, it is noted that the best and safest methods for instruction arise from the study of original source documents contemporaneous to our nation's founding;

WHEREAS, There are numerous documents from which to derive a clear and accurate understanding of our Founder's intentions; however, there are specific documents which should not be overlooked for inclusion within such study of civics, including but not limited to the first document of self-governance, the Mayflower Compact; the document which created us as a nation, the Declaration of Independence; and the document under which our rule of law is defined, the Constitution of the United States;

WHEREAS, There are other writings that should be strongly considered for utilization within a study of civics, including, but not limited to: Federalist Papers, Anti-Federalist Papers, and Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States by Justice Joseph Story;

WHEREAS, Awareness and proficiency of civics protects all citizens, mass implementation of its instruction both to school-age, as well as adult citizens, should be consistently and actively encouraged; and

WHEREAS, An accurate understanding of constitutional parameters prohibits both federal government mandate, as well as the utilization of tax dollars, for the implementation of such educational initiatives; therefore, be it

*RESOLVED*, That the Republican National Committee (RNC) encourages the instruction of civics from original source documents; and

*RESOLVED*, That the RNC encourages Republican state legislators and state and local school board members to adopt policies that facilitate the instruction of civics utilizing original source documents.