

CALL FOR THE 2017 GEORGIA REPUBLICAN PRECINCT MASS MEETINGS AND FOR COUNTY, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS

The Georgia Republican Party, pursuant to the Rules of the Party, as amended and adopted by the State Committee on September 26, 2015, hereby issues this Official Call (“Call”) to all qualified registered resident voters in the State of Georgia who believe in the principles of the Republican Party and support its aims and purposes, to unite under this Call in the selection of Delegates and Alternates to County, Congressional and State Conventions, which conventions shall organize the party in the respective counties, Congressional Districts, and state for the next two years.

The Georgia Republican Party seeks the broadest possible participation by such persons in Party affairs and delegate selection. Additionally, participation in all Mass Meetings and Conventions shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age, or national origin.

A Precinct Mass Meeting shall be held for each precinct throughout the State of Georgia.¹ Each Precinct Mass Meeting shall elect Delegates and Alternates to County Conventions to be held in each of the counties within the State of Georgia. County Conventions shall, in turn, elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions. The Precinct Mass Meetings, County, District, and State Conventions shall convene for the purpose or purposes set forth herein.

The following procedures shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Georgia Republican Party, as applicable:

SECTION A. MASS MEETING AND CONVENTION DATES

Pursuant to State Rule 9.2 (A)(2), County Committees may elect any date within a 10 day period prior to the date ending listed below to conduct their respective Precinct Mass Meetings.

Precinct Mass Meetings for Counties over 80,000 Population and certain Counties Under 80,000 opting out of Section 9.2(B) (Counties over 80,000 population pursuant to a plan adopted under Rule 9.2(A) may elect any date between February 2-11, 2017).	February 11 , 2017 10:00 a.m.
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Note: Gwinnett County will use the option of February 4, 2017.

Precinct Mass Meetings for Counties of 80,000 and under Population (Counties of 80,000 and under population, pursuant to a plan adopted	March 18, 2017 9:00 a.m.
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¹ As provided in O.C.G.A. §21-2-2(6), the term “Precinct” is synonymous with the term, “Election District”. As used herein, the term “Precinct Mass Meeting” shall refer to all Mass Meetings, whether held in individual precincts or consolidated pursuant to State Party Rule 9.2(A).

under Rule 9.2(A), may elect any date between March 9-18, 2017).

All County Conventions (Except Counties pursuant to a plan adopted under Rule 9.2(A)(3), may elect any date between March 9-18, 2017).	March 18, 2017 10:00 a.m.
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District Conventions	April 22, 2017 10:00 a.m.
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State Convention <i>Augusta Convention Center</i> <i>901 Reynolds Street</i> <i>Augusta, GA 30901</i>	June 2-3, 2017
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SECTION B: ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

An individual must be a registered voter as the date of their Precinct Mass Meeting to be eligible to participate in such Precinct Mass Meeting. An individual must be a registered voter as of the date of their County Convention to be eligible to be elected a delegate or alternate from their County Convention to either the District and/or State Convention.

As used in this Call, a “registered voter” means a Georgia resident duly registered to vote in Georgia.

SECTION C. MASS MEETINGS WITHIN ALL COUNTIES OF GEORGIA

1. Rule 9.1 of the Georgia Republican Party Rules provides that a Precinct Mass Meeting shall be held for each precinct for the purposes of electing precinct officers and electing Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention. Rule 9.2(A) of the Georgia Republican Party Rules permits any County to consolidate precincts within other political subdivisions for the purpose of holding multiple Precinct Mass Meetings in a single location if the County Party submits its plan for holding the Precinct Mass Meetings **in writing** to the Georgia Republican Party State Executive Committee (Attn: State Chairman) no later than December 3, 2016. If the State Executive Committee takes no action on the County’s proposed multiple Precinct Mass Meeting plan prior to December 31, 2016 or approves the consolidation plan subject to certain conditions, the County shall proceed with such modified consolidation plan. Such plans shall be on a form provided by the State Party.

2. All Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention must be elected from the precinct in which they reside. In the event a particular precinct does not have any person present, neither Delegates nor Alternates may be elected from that precinct. Therefore, in all Precinct Mass

Meetings:

(a) All Delegates and Alternates elected to the County Conventions must be elected by Precinct;

(b) All Delegates and Alternates elected from a precinct shall be resident, registered voters from that precinct as of the date of the Precinct Mass Meeting;

(c) All Delegates and Alternates shall be elected only by registered voters in attendance who reside in that precinct; and

(d) In the event a particular precinct does not have present any eligible individual as defined in Section B above, neither Delegates nor Alternates may be elected to the County Convention from that precinct.

3. A copy of this Call shall be sent to each County Chairman, who, upon receipt of said Call, shall convene a meeting of his or her respective County Executive Committee or County Committee which Committee shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County a notice containing the date, time and place of the Precinct Mass Meetings and County Convention, no later than thirty (30) days before the date of the Precinct Mass Meeting. The notice shall specify that the Precinct Mass Meetings and the County Convention will be held on a specific day, time and place. A sample notice can be found in the Chairman's handbook.

4. The County Chairman shall appoint a Temporary Chairman for each Precinct Mass Meeting, giving preference to the ranking precinct officer, if any, who shall be willing and available to serve.

5. The selection and number of Delegates and Alternates to the respective County Conventions shall be determined as set out in Sections I and J of this Call.

SECTION D: COUNTIES WITH POPULATIONS OF OVER 80,000

1. For Counties in which the population is over 80,000 according to the 2010 Decennial Census (see Appendix C attached), all Precinct Mass Meetings shall convene **at exactly 10 A.M. on the 11th day of February, 2017**, unless the County Committee has filed a plan with the State Executive Committee to hold its Precinct Mass Meetings on a date between February 2, 2017 and February 11, 2017 and the State Executive Committee has not timely rejected such plan, in which case, the County shall hold its Precinct Mass Meetings in accordance with such plan as approved by the State Executive Committee.

SECTION E. COUNTIES WITH POPULATIONS 80, 000 AND UNDER

1. A County with a population of 80,000 and under shall hold its Precinct Mass Meetings on **March 18, 2016 at exactly 9:00 a.m.** unless the County Committee has filed a plan with the State Executive Committee to opt out of the provisions of Rule 9.2(B) and hold its Precinct Mass Meetings either: (A) **at exactly 10 A.M. on the 11th day of February, 2017** , or on another date

between February 2, 2017, and February 11, 2017, or (B) to hold its Precinct Mass Meetings on a date between March 9, 2017, and March 18, 2017, and if the State Executive Committee has not timely rejected such plan, then the County shall hold its Precinct Mass Meetings in accordance with such plan as approved by the State Executive Committee.

SECTION F. COUNTY CONVENTIONS

1. County Conventions are hereby called to convene within the geographic boundaries of each respective County in Georgia, **on March 18, 2017 at exactly 10 A.M.**, unless the County Committee has filed a plan with the State Executive Committee to hold its County Convention on another date between March 9, 2017, and March 18, 2017, and if the State Executive Committee has not timely rejected such plan, then the County shall hold its County Convention in accordance with such plan as approved by the State Executive Committee. Each County Convention shall be held for the purposes of electing Delegates and Alternates to their respective Congressional District Convention and to the State Convention; adopting rules; electing a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer (and such other officers as determined by the County Rules); electing a county committee; and transacting all other necessary and proper business. The term of office of all officers and committee members so elected shall begin upon adjournment of the 2017 County Convention.

2. The County Chairman shall give written notice of the time, date and place of the County Convention to all Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention not later than ten (10) days before the Convention.

3. Only Delegates and Alternates elected by the Precinct Mass Meetings or Delegates and Alternates selected by precincts under the provision of State Rule 9.2 may participate in the County Convention.

4. The County Chairman shall be responsible for verifying prior to the County Convention that each Delegate and Alternate to the County Convention is a duly registered voter in the precinct from which he or she shall have been elected.

5. Each County in Georgia shall elect at its County Convention that number of Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District Convention(s) and the State Convention as set out in Section J of this Call.

6. If any County Chairman shall fail or refuse to act to organize and hold the County Convention or complete and provide the necessary paperwork following the convention, then the State Chairman may call such County Committee together to do the same.

SECTION G. DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

1. Congressional District Conventions (“District Conventions”) are hereby called to convene in each Congressional District of the State of Georgia on **April 22, 2017 at exactly 10 A.M.** for the purposes of electing a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer (and other officers as determined by the District Rules); electing a district committee (which shall be comprised of the

aforementioned officers and such additional officers and members as may be determined by the District Rules); electing District members of the State Committee (as allocated in Appendix ___); adopting rules; and transacting all other necessary and proper business. The term of office of all officers and committee members so elected shall begin upon adjournment of the 2017 County Convention.

2. A copy of this Call shall be sent to each District Chairman, who, upon receipt of said Call, shall convene a meeting of his or her respective District Committee to make arrangements for the holding of the District Convention consistent with this Call.

3. The Congressional District Chairman shall give written notice of the time, date and place of the District Convention to all Delegates and Alternates to the District Convention not later than ten (10) days before the Convention.

4. Only Delegates and Alternates elected by their various County Conventions as Delegates and Alternates to the particular District Convention, and who shall have appeared and registered at or before the time specified in paragraph 1 of this Section may participate in such District Convention, and only Delegates and seated Alternates shall be eligible to vote in District Conventions.

5. If any District Committee shall fail or refuse to call a District Convention, then the State Chairman shall call such District Committee together for said purpose.

SECTION H. STATE CONVENTION

1. The State Convention of the Georgia Republican Party is hereby called to be held in Richmond County, Georgia, on June 2 and 3, 2017 commencing at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, June 2, for the purposes of electing the following State Party Officers: State Chairman, First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer; to adopt rules; and for all other necessary and proper business. The County Chairmen of all Counties with a population of 80,000 or more and County Chairmen of all Counties with a population of less than 80,000 (each according to the 2010 Decennial Census) shall caucus separately at the date and time specified in the Agenda for the State Convention and elect an Over 80,000 County Chairman and an Under 80,000 County Chairman, respectively. The term of office of all officers elected at the State Convention, as well as that of the Over and Under 80,000 County Chairmen, shall begin upon the adjournment of the 2017 State Convention.

2. The State Secretary shall cause prior written notice to be sent to all Delegates and Alternates elected at the various County Conventions, informing them of the date, time, and address of the State Convention.

3. Before any Delegate or Alternate elected at County Conventions shall participate in the State Convention and be eligible to be a Delegate or Alternate, he or she shall be properly credentialed to the Chairman and Secretary of the State Convention (or their designees), and only Delegates and seated Alternates shall be eligible to vote in the State Convention.

4. All Delegate and Alternate registration shall close at exactly 10 A. M. on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

5. Proposed resolutions and proposed changes to Georgia Republican Party Rules must be submitted no later than May 3, 2017 to the Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party at either P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355 (if mailed) or to 3110 Maple Drive SW, Suite 150, Atlanta GA 30305 (if delivered). No proposed resolutions or rules changes received after that date may be considered by the State Convention.

6. In order to be eligible for consideration by the Nominating Committee and ultimately by the Georgia State Convention for the election to the positions of State Chairman, First Vice Chairman, Second Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, an individual is required to submit a resume package, including a political resume, to the Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party at either P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355 (if mailed) or 3110 Maple Drive SW, Suite 150, Atlanta GA 30305 (if delivered) on or before by May 3, 2017.

7. Should the total number of Alternates from a County present and credentialed, when combined with the total number of Delegates present and credentialed per requirement of paragraph 3 in this Section, not exceed the total allocation of Delegates from the County, the State Convention Credentials Committee will have the authority to elevate all Alternates to Delegate status from that County, unless the Delegates from such County shall have determined otherwise by a majority vote and notified the Credentials Committee Chairman immediately after the Committee delivers its preliminary report.

SECTION I. GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. Only qualified, registered voters of the given Precinct, County or District may vote, hold office, or be elected as a Delegate or Alternate in the respective Mass Meetings or Conventions.

2. Delegates and Alternates do not have to be in attendance or be Delegates or Alternates to the Convention at which they are elected to serve as Delegates or Alternates to another Convention, but they must be nominated by a seated Delegate.

3. A person elected from one Precinct, County, or District cannot fill the Delegate or Alternate slot of a missing Delegate or Alternate elected from another Precinct, County, or District at any Mass Meeting or Convention.

4. Delegates and Alternates shall not be paired. The Delegates of each delegation shall, by caucus and by majority vote, adopt a plan for the seating of Alternates in the event of any missing Delegates of their delegation, except as provided in Section H Paragraph 6 of this Call.

5. After all Delegate slots are filled that can be filled, each Precinct Mass Meeting and County Convention shall then attempt to elect a number of Alternates equal to the number of elected Delegates. **Any County which, at its County Convention, fails to elect the full number of Delegates to a District or State Convention allocated to such County pursuant to the Call, shall forfeit any such unfilled Delegate positions.** Notwithstanding the number of Delegates to the State Convention and to the District Conventions allocated to a County pursuant to this Call, the number of Delegates to which such County shall be entitled at each respective Convention shall not exceed the number of Delegates to such Convention actually elected by the County Convention and properly credentialed to the District or the State Party, as applicable, in accordance with the Rules and this Call.

6. All Conventions and Precinct Mass Meetings shall be held in buildings appropriate for public use and shall be open to the public as spectators. Seating shall be separate from the delegate seating and the alternate seating and will be prescribed by the Chairman of the Convention. No spectator may cast a vote or participate in any way in the Convention or Precinct Mass Meeting.

SECTION J. APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES

1. Allocation of Delegates to the County Conventions shall be as follows:

a. Each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the County Convention and further shall be entitled to one additional delegate and one Alternate for each fifty (50) votes and major fraction thereof (26 or more) cast for Donald Trump for President in the 2016 Georgia General Election. The Precinct votes shall be determined on the basis of the boundary lines of the Precinct in the 2016 General Election.

b. At the discretion of the County Committee in Counties having a population of over one hundred thousand (100,000), each Precinct shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each one hundred and fifty (150) votes and major fraction thereof (76 or more) cast for Donald Trump for President in the 2016 Georgia General Election. If such determination is made, notice of such action must be made to the State Executive Committee in writing no later than December 1, 2016.

c. At the discretion of the County Committee in Counties having a population of over five hundred thousand (500,000), each Precinct shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each two hundred and fifty (250) votes and major fraction thereof (126 or more) cast for Donald Trump for President in the 2016 Georgia General Election. If such determination is made, notice of such action must be made to the State Executive Committee in writing no later than December 1, 2016.

d. Notice under Paragraphs 1(b) and 1(c) above shall be submitted on a form provided by the State Party.

2. The allocation of Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District Conventions and State Convention has been calculated in accordance with the following: Each County is

entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the State Convention and further is entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each one thousand (1,000) votes and major fraction thereof (501 or more) cast for Donald Trump for President in the 2016 Georgia General Election. Each County is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the District Convention (in split counties said Delegate and Alternate shall be awarded to the District in which the majority of the County's voters reside) and further is entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each seven hundred-fifty (750) votes and major fraction thereof (376 or more) cast for Donald Trump for President in the 2016 Georgia General Election. (See Appendices A and B for a complete listing of County and Congressional delegate allocations). No Delegate or Alternate shall have permission to cast a fractional vote.

SECTION K. FILING OF REPORTS AND CREDENTIALS

1. Precinct Mass Meetings:

No later than five business days after adjournment of the Precinct Mass Meeting, the Chairman of the Precinct Mass Meeting shall file the credentials of the Delegates and Alternates elected to the respective County Conventions at the Precinct Mass Meeting, and the names and addresses of the precinct officers elected, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Precinct Mass Meeting as follows:

FIRST: Mail one set of credentials and officer information to the Secretary of the GRP at either P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355 or 3110 Maple Drive SW, Suite 150, Atlanta GA 30305. If a County Party opts not to use the State Party Convention software, the County Party must also, within 5 business days after adjournment of the Precinct Mass Meeting, email an Excel spreadsheet in the format provided by the State Party with the names and addresses (and any other information provided) of all delegates and alternates. The spreadsheet must be sent to the email address provided by the State Party within five (5) days and to the email address provided by the State Party. The paper documents shall take precedence.

SECOND: Mail one set of credentials and officer information to the Chairman of the County in which the Precinct is located. In cases of counties with 80,000 or fewer population which hold their Precinct Mass Meetings on March 14, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., the Precinct credentials shall be hand delivered to the County Chairman for use in the County Convention beginning at 10:00 a.m. that day.

THIRD: One set of credentials and officer information shall be retained by the Precinct Secretary. Credential forms for Precinct Mass Meetings shall be approved and furnished by the Chairman and Secretary of the GRP and shall be sent to the County Chairman for delivery to the Precinct Chairman. All of the credential forms shall provide thereon a certification signed by the respective Mass Meeting Chairman and Secretary.

It is the responsibility of the County Chairman who holds that position at the time of the convening of the Mass Meeting to submit all required paperwork as outlined in this section.

This paragraph applies only to (a) over 80K counties and (b) under 80K counties holding their Mass Meeting on a day other than the date of the County Convention.

2. County Conventions

Within five (5) business days of adjournment, the Chairman of the County Convention shall file (a) the credentials of the Delegates and Alternates elected to the Congressional District and State Conventions, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the County Conventions; (b) the county officer and committee information, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the County Conventions; and (c) rules for the County Party as adopted by the Convention as follows:

FIRST: Mail one set of credentials, the county officer and committee information and the rules to the Secretary of the GRP at either P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355 or 3110 Maple Drive SW, Suite 150, Atlanta GA 30305. Prior to the Congressional District Convention, the State Secretary shall determine whether the publication of the public notice required under this Call has been made. If a County Party opts not to use the State Party Convention software, the County Party must also, within 5 business days after adjournment of the County Convention, email an Excel spreadsheet in the format provided by the State Party with the names and addresses (and any other information provided) of all delegates and alternates. The spreadsheet must be sent to the email address provided by the State Party within five (5) days and to the email address provided by the State Party. The paper documents shall take precedence.

SECOND: Mail one set of credentials, the county officer and committee information and the rules to the Chairman of the Congressional District(s) in which the County is located.

THIRD: One set of credentials, the county officer and committee information and the rules shall be retained by the Secretary of the County Committee. Credential forms for County Conventions shall be approved and furnished by the Chairman and Secretary of the GRP and shall be sent to the County Chairman. All of the Credential forms shall provide thereon a certification signed by the respective Convention Chairman and Secretary.

If the Chairman of the County Convention fails to file the reports and credentials above, it is the responsibility of the County Chairman who holds that position at the time of the convening of the County Convention to submit all required paperwork as outlined in this section.

Failure to hand deliver or postmark all required materials by the fifth business day will result in a delay in State Delegates and Alternates receiving State Convention packets, including preferred hotel information.

The names and addresses of the Congressional District chairs are attached as Appendix D.

3. Congressional District Conventions

Within five (5) business days of adjournment, the Chairman of each Congressional District Convention shall file the names and addresses of the District officers, District committeemen and

members of the State Committee elected by the District Convention, along with the rules adopted for the District Committee as follows:

FIRST: Mail one set of the materials above to the Secretary of the GRP at either P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355 or 3110 Maple Drive SW, Suite 150, Atlanta GA 30305.

SECOND: One set of the materials is to be retained by the Secretary of the Congressional District Committee.

If the Chairman of the District Convention fails to file the reports and credentials above, it is the responsibility of the District Chairman who holds that position at the time of the convening of the District Convention to submit all required paperwork as outlined in this section.

SECTION L. ADOPTION AND FILING OF RULES

At each County and District Convention, county party or district committee rules shall be adopted which are consistent with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party. In accordance with the Georgia Election Code and Rule 9.12 of the Georgia Republican Party, a copy of the County rules must be filed with the election superintendent of the respective County and the District Chairman of the appropriate District. A copy of the District Rules must be filed with the Chairman and Secretary of the Republican State Committee within five (5) days, as set forth in Section K3 above.

At each odd-year State Convention, party rules shall also be adopted. A copy of the State Rules must be filed with the Secretary of State. All such distribution and filing shall be within thirty (30) days of the adoption of said Rules.

SECTION M. GOVERNING RULES

The Call of the Georgia Republican Party is the governing document for all events defined within this document. For all other purposes, except to the extent of any modifications by the Rules of the Republican National Committee or the Georgia Republican Party, the most current version of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be followed in all Precinct Mass Meetings and Conventions.

SECTION N. NO BUSINESS WHILE COMMITTEES ARE IN SESSION

No official business shall be transacted at any Precinct Mass Meeting or Convention while any of its Committees are in session.

SECTION O. NO PROXIES

No proxies are allowed at any meeting or conventions. In the absence of a Delegate, only an Elected, elevated Alternate may vote in place of a Delegate.

SECTION P. NO AUTOMATIC DELEGATES

There shall be no Delegates or Alternates who serve automatically by virtue of Party position or elective office.

SECTION Q. NO UNIT RULE

No unit rule may be imposed by any Precinct Mass Meeting or Convention on any Delegates or Alternates elected by it.

SECTION R. APPEALS OF ACTIONS OF 2017 CONVENTIONS AND PRECINCT MASS MEETINGS

Any disputed actions of a Precinct Mass Meeting that occurs prior to the date of the County Convention shall be appealed in writing to the County Committee within 10 days of adjournment of the Precinct Mass Meeting in question. In order to pursue an appeal, it must be signed by 5 registered participants or 10% attending or attempting to attend said Precinct Mass Meeting. If a County shall fail to hear the appeal, the appellants may submit it to the District Committee with the largest delegation from that County.

If the Precinct Mass Meeting occurs the same day as the County Convention the process shall follow the County Convention, any disputed actions of a County Convention must be appealed in writing to the District Committee, with a copy to the State Committee on Appeals, within 10 days of adjournment of the County Convention in question. In order to pursue an appeal, the appeal must be signed by 25 registered delegates attending the County Convention or 10% of registered delegates attending the County Convention, whichever is larger. In Counties with multiple Congressional Districts (Split), the appeal should be presented to the District with the largest delegation from that County.

Should the District Committee not take the matter up within 10 days of receiving the appeal, the appeal will automatically be referred to the State Committee on Appeals and reviewed within 30 days of the initial complaint. Should the District Committee hear the matter, it shall report that it heard the matter and its findings to both the State Committee on Appeals and the appellants. Should a party wish to appeal the decision of the District Committee with respect to the County to the State Committee on Appeals, they shall do within 10 days of the date of the District Committee's decision.

Any disputed actions of a District Convention must be appealed in writing to the State Committee on Appeals within 10 days of adjournment of the District Convention in question. In order to pursue an appeal, the appeal must be signed by 25 registered delegates attending the District Convention or 10% of registered delegates attending the District Convention, whichever is larger.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certify that foregoing was adopted by the State Committee of the Georgia Republican Party on this 24th day of September, 2016.

ATTEST

/s/John Padgett

John Padgett
Chairman

/s/Anne Lewis

Anne Lewis
General Counsel

/s/Kirk Shook

Kirk Shook
Secretary

/s/Adam Pipkin

Adam Pipkin
Executive Director