WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Washington County, Tennessee

October 28, 2025

RESOLUTION URGING THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS LEGISLATION REQUIRING PARTY REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Washington County Republican Party Executive Committee affirms its commitment to fair, transparent, and principled elections that reflect the will of Republican voters; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's current open primary system allows individuals who are not registered Republicans to participate in Republican primaries, compromising the integrity of the nomination process and the ability of Republican voters to select their own candidates; and

WHEREAS, "crossover voting" — the practice of individuals from other political affiliations voting in Republican primaries — remains illegal under Tennessee law yet unenforceable without a formal party registration system; and

WHEREAS, numerous conservative states have enacted party registration laws that safeguard primary elections, ensuring they are decided by those who share and uphold the party's values; and

WHEREAS, establishing party registration in Tennessee would strengthen the integrity of Republican primaries, preserve voter confidence, and ensure that those representing the Republican Party are chosen solely by Republican voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Republican Party Executive Committee strongly urges the Tennessee General Assembly to enact legislation requiring party registration as a condition for participation in partisan primary elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Bill Lee, Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally, Speaker Cameron Sexton, and all Republican members of the Tennessee General Assembly, encouraging swift action to protect the integrity of Tennessee's Republican nomination process.

Adopted this 28th day of October, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Washington County Republican Party Executive Committee