WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Washington County, Tennessee

October 28, 2025

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PARTY AFFILIATION TO BE DECLARED AND DISPLAYED IN ALL STATEWIDE AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, the Washington County Republican Party Executive Committee affirms that the right to vote freely, fairly, and with full understanding of candidate affiliation is fundamental to self-government in both the State of Tennessee and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's current election laws do not require candidates in municipal and many local elections to declare or display their party affiliation on the ballot, leaving voters without clear information about the philosophical and policy positions that typically accompany party alignment; and

WHEREAS, the absence of declared party affiliation often results in confusion among voters, reduces transparency in local governance, and can lead to uninformed or inconsistent voter participation; and

WHEREAS, political party identification provides valuable context for voters to understand a candidate's guiding principles, policy priorities, and record of accountability; and

WHEREAS, declared party affiliation on the ballot strengthens the integrity of elections, fosters transparency, and allows voters to make more informed

decisions—particularly in an era when trust in government institutions must be earned and protected; and

WHEREAS, numerous other states require party affiliation disclosure for all public offices, ensuring consistency across federal, state, and local levels of governance; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Republican Party Executive Committee believes that applying this same standard in Tennessee would uphold the principles of honesty, transparency, and accountability expected by the people of this State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Republican Party Executive Committee:

1. Urges the Tennessee General Assembly to enact legislation requiring all candidates for statewide, county, and municipal elections to declare their party affiliation when qualifying for office.

2. Recommends that ballots for all elections clearly display the declared party affiliation (or “Independent” where applicable) next to each candidate’s name to ensure transparency and voter clarity.

3. Encourages the Tennessee Secretary of State and all county election commissions to adopt uniform rules and administrative practices to implement this requirement statewide, providing consistent standards for candidate filing, voter education, and ballot design.

4. Affirms that such reform would strengthen voter confidence, improve the quality of public debate, and ensure that elected officials are held accountable to the principles and policies of the party under which they campaign.

5. Supports bipartisan collaboration with all parties and civic organizations committed to honest, transparent, and responsible elections that empower voters with complete and accurate information.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Bill Lee, Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally, Speaker Cameron Sexton, the Tennessee Secretary of State, and all members of the Tennessee General Assembly, urging their immediate consideration and action to adopt this reform in the interest of all Tennessee voters.

Adopted this 28th day of October, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Washington County Republican Party Executive Committee