

# Rules of the Tompkins County Independence Interim County Organization



## I. Membership

The Tompkins County Independence Interim County Organization (hereinafter the Committee (ICO)) shall consist of the Independence Party State Committee members for Tompkins County and/or any members of the Independence Party elected as officers of the Committee. There shall be a maximum of five (5) at-large delegates and these at-large delegates shall be elected at the organizational meeting. All officers and at-large delegates must be enrolled members of the Independence Party, who are residents of Tompkins County. Members shall hold office until their successors are elected.

## II. Officers

1. The officers of said Committee (ICO) shall consist of a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.
2. Said officers shall be elected at the initial meeting of the Committee (ICO) and shall hold office until their successors are elected. They may be chosen from members of the State Committee (ICO) or from the enrolled Independence voters of the county.

## III. Duties of Officers

1. The Chairman shall initially preside at all committee meetings but must be elected by a vote to be presiding officer for each meeting at the beginning of each meeting. If there is a failure to elect the Chairman as presiding officer a vote shall be taken to elect a presiding officer from any of the members of the Committee (ICO).
2. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial books and records of the Committee (ICO).

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3. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the Committee (ICO) records, and preparing all documents required for filing with the Board of Elections.
4. In case of a vacancy in office, or the absence of the Chairman, Treasurer, or the Secretary, the duties of such absent officer shall devolve upon the other officers. The presiding officer of any meeting shall have the power to appoint any member of the Committee (ICO) to serve as temporary secretary of any Committee (ICO) meeting.

#### **IV. Vacancies**

In case of a vacancy occurring on the State Committee (ICO) or among the officers, the same shall be filled at the next meeting of the Committee (ICO) by a vote of the Committee (ICO).

#### **V. Meetings**

1. Except as provided for herein, the Interim County Organization shall meet for the purposes of re-organizing the ICO once every two years. In the event of a vacancy among the officers, the same shall be filled until the next meeting of the Committee (ICO) by vote.
2. The Committee (ICO) shall meet upon five days notice provided by the Chairman or the Secretary, except that the chairman may call an emergency meeting of the Committee (ICO) upon one day notice
3. Meetings to re-organize this Interim County Organization or to organize a constituted county committee shall be conducted according to the rules of the State Committee and these rules where applicable.

## **VI. Voting and Procedures**

1. A member of the Committee (ICO) may vote at any meeting thereof by way of a written proxy designating another officer of the Committee (ICO) to vote in his / her stead. The vote after the initial organization and for all subsequent meeting shall be by one man, one vote.
2. No member of the Committee (ICO) shall be permitted to carry more than three proxies at any meeting, except that the officers of the committee may carry an unlimited number of proxies.
3. Proxy voting shall be permitted at all meetings of the Committee (ICO).
4. The Committee (ICO) may make provisions for the issuance and review of proxies at any meeting of the Committee (ICO) or for the organization of a successor Committee (ICO) or successor constituted county committee. Such provisions may include the establishment of a credentials committee to review documents, signatures, and qualifications of persons claiming membership in the Committee (ICO) or a successor Committee (ICO) or a successor constituted county committee.

## **VII. NOMINATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

1. Whenever a party committee, county committee or a portion thereof is authorized by the Election Law to make nominations for public office and/or to authorize the designation of candidates for nomination, such power shall be exclusively exercised by the Committee (ICO) in accordance with these provisions.
2. The powers of nomination and / or authorization delegated to the county committee (or a portion thereof) by the Election Law, including, but not limited to Section 6-120 Election Law, shall be exercised by the Committee (ICO). All nominations and authorizations shall be made at a duly called meeting of the Committee (ICO) at which a quorum shall be present. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to file certificates evidencing all nominations and authorizations with the appropriate Board(s) of Elections.
3. The Committee (ICO) is authorized to meet and act jointly with other committees of the Independence Party, in accordance with the rules of

the State Committee, for the purposes of making nominations and authorizations for public offices in political subdivisions encompassing all or parts of more than one county.

### **VIII. Amendments**

1. A member proposing an amendment to the rules of this Committee (ICO) shall file a copy of said proposed amendment with the chairman and secretary, together with a petition requesting a meeting for the consideration of said proposed amendment, and a copy of said proposed amendment, together with a call for the meeting, shall be given to each member.
2. A proposed amendment may be considered at either a regular or special meeting of the Committee (ICO) called as provided in Rule V.
3. These provisions shall not apply to the initial organizing meeting of the Interim County Organization.
4. These rules shall be in force and effect until amended or a new set of rules are adopted by a successor to the ICO.

### **IX. Procedures**

These rules shall be applied to all meetings and business of the Committee (ICO), wherever these rules do not address a matter of policy or procedures ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED (the most recent edition thereof) shall apply where not in conflict with these rules or the rules of the State Committee of the Independence Party, in which case these rules or the State Committee rules shall prevail.

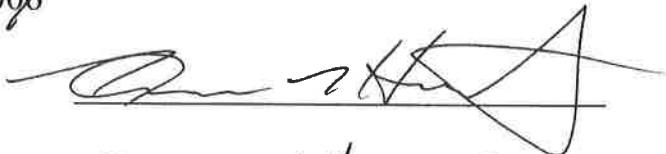

### **X. Re-organization / Organization**

1. This Interim County Organization shall exist for the term specified by the rules of the New York State Independence Party.
2. These rules shall apply to the re-organization of a successor ICO and/or to the organization of a constituted county committee of the Independence Party.

3. The ICO shall be charged with the organization / re-organization of its successor committee. The ICO may establish such rules for the organization / re-organization of its successor committee as it sees fit, and may establish committee(s) and sub committees as may be required to carry out those rules.



ADOPTED: ~~December~~ <sup>May</sup> 30, 2007

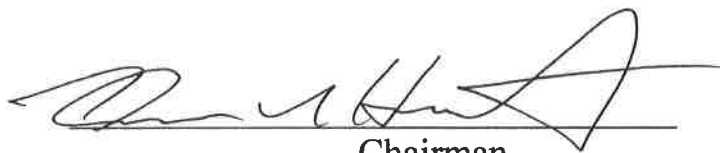
  
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## Certificate of Adoption of Rules

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COUNTY OF TOMPKINS            )

I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am the CHAIRMAN of the Tompkins County Independence Interim Committee and acknowledge that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Rules and Regulations of such committee as adopted at a meeting of the members of such committee at which a quorum was present, held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.



Chairman


Tompkins County Independence  
Interim Committee



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I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am the Secretary of the Tompkins County Independence Interim Committee and acknowledge that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Rules and Regulations of such committee adopted at a meeting of the members of such committee at which a quorum was present, held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.



Secretary

Tompkins County Independence  
Interim Committee

On this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007 before me came Thomas R. Hatfield and Joanne F. Holland to me known and known to me to be the persons described in the within certificate, either personally or upon sufficient proof adduced, who by me being duly sworn did execute same in my presence and acknowledged the statements therein as true.

Betty A. Spicer  
Notary Public

BETTY A. SPICER  
Notary Public, State of New York  
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Qualified in Cortland County  
My Commission Expires Nov. 2, 2010



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# CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Tompkins County Interim County Organization of the Independence Party of the State of New York held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, the following persons were elected as officers of the Interim County Organization:

CHAIRMAN Thomas R. Hatfield

Address 75 Crystal Dr., Dryden, N.Y.

TREASURER Michael E Holland

Address 3 Kimberly Circle, Dryden, N.Y.

SECRETARY Joanne F Holland

Address 3 Kimberly Circle, Dryden, N.Y.

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I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am the CHAIRMAN of the Tompkins County Independence Interim Committee and that the foregoing is a true and correct listing of the officers of such committee as elected at a meeting of the members of such committee at which a quorum was present, held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.



\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Tompkins County Independence  
Interim Committee



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Joanne F. Hillard  
\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
Tompkins County Independence  
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