

RESOLUTION OPPOSING “NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT”

WHEREAS, the Constitutional method of electing the President of the United States through the Electoral College was the method deemed best by the founding fathers of the United States of America ~~for ensuring state sovereignty because all states, both large and small, are included in the presidential election process;~~ and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution preserves the balance of power and authority between the federal and state governments through the mechanism of the Electoral College; and,

WHEREAS, the Electoral College has been tested and proven itself over 150 years as the method to best preserve our Constitutional Republic, resulting in the election of a President by a majority of electoral votes; and,

WHEREAS, the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” if successfully implemented would make null and void the current Constitutional Electoral College process of electing the President of the United States by and through individual states; and,

WHEREAS, the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” if successfully implemented would radically change the way we elect our President by changing the rules of presidential elections via a compact between as few as 11 states; and,

WHEREAS, under the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact,” if successfully implemented would make a non-member state’s electoral votes irrelevant because member states electoral votes would number 270 or more and they would award their votes to the national popular vote winner; and,

WHEREAS, the National Republican Committee voted to oppose the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact”; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Michigan State Republican Issues Committee recommends to the Michigan Republican State Committee the following;

RESOLVED, that the Michigan State Republican Committee opposes this attempt to undermine the rights of individual states electing our President through the Electoral College by way of the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact;” and, further be it

RESOLVED, the Michigan State Republican Committee does fully endorse retaining the constitutionally approved and time-tested Electoral College by individual states method of awarding electoral votes to candidates to win the office of President United States of America; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Michigan State Republican Committee strongly encourages all Michigan state legislators and the Governor to reject the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.”

As approved by the Michigan State Republican Issues Committee on a 13-2 vote; October 25, 2011
Norman D. Shinkle, Issues Committee Secretary