



WHEREAS, the Georgia Young Republicans, Georgia Association of College Republicans, and the Georgia Teenage Republicans are the three organizations working to increase involvement of voters under 40 in the Republican Party; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has about 1.37 million people under the age of 40, or about 14.6% of the State's population; and,

WHEREAS, a common view is that issues impacting younger voters like college tuition, student loan debt, and tax policies that make it difficult to hire entry level employees are not important to the Republican Party; and,

WHEREAS, those perceptions perpetuated by the Democrats and their allies in mass media about the Republican Party are entirely wrong and, in fact, the Republican Party has more in common with the strong sense of individualism in younger voters; and,

WHEREAS, the Brookings Institute is showing a trend that those incorrect perceptions may be working as the share of young voters identifying as "liberal" has increased by 15% in the last two presidential elections and the GOP has not gotten more than 37% of the presidential vote; and,

WHEREAS, the patterns of voting behavior are established in the first elections people take an active role in voting, meaning if the GOP doesn't establish a clear game plan on how to build a stronger presence among young voters, we cannot reverse these trends in the long-term.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the GAGOP will create a Youth Advisory Committee composed of representatives of the GAGOP Executive Committee, Georgia Young Republicans, Georgia Association of College Republicans, and Georgia Teenage Republicans; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED an annual Youth Recruitment Strategic Plan will be developed, published, and implemented by the Youth Advisory Committee; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the GAGOP will create voting seats on the GAGOP Executive and State Committees for the Georgia Young Republicans, Georgia Association of College Republicans, Georgia Teenage Republicans, and other official auxiliary organizations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the GAGOP will set a goal of obtaining at least 40% of the youth vote in the 2018 Midterm Elections in Georgia and 45% in the 2020 Presidential Elections in Georgia.