CALL FOR THE 2016 GEORGIA REPUBLICAN MASS MEETINGS OF ELECTION DISTRICT [PRECINCT] AND CONSOLIDATED POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (RULE 9.2) AND FOR COUNTY, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND STATE CONVENTIONS

The Georgia Republican Party, pursuant to the Call of the Republican National Committee for the 2016 National Convention of delegated representatives of the Republican Party to be held in Cleveland, Ohio the week of July 18, 2016 for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice President of the United States and pursuant to the Georgia Republican Party Rules, as adopted by the State Committee on July 25, 2015, hereby issues this Official Call ("Call") to all qualified registered resident voters in the State of Georgia who believe in the principles of the Republican Party and support its aims and purposes, to unite under this Call in the selection of Delegates and Alternates to County, Congressional District, State and National Conventions.

The Georgia Republican Party seeks the broadest possible participation by such persons in Party affairs and delegate selection. Additionally, participation in all Mass Meetings and Conventions shall in no way be abridged for reasons of sex, race, religion, color, age, or national origin.

There shall be Election District (Precinct) Mass Meetings held in each precinct throughout the State of Georgia (unless consolidated pursuant to the State Party Rule 9.2 (A) throughout the State of Georgia). The Mass Meetings shall elect Delegates and Alternates to County Conventions to be held in each of the counties within the State of Georgia. County Conventions shall, in turn, elect Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions. All Precinct Mass Meetings, County, District and State Conventions also shall transact all other necessary and proper business of the respective individual or consolidated Precincts, County, District and State Parties, as provided herein.

The Congressional District Conventions shall elect three [3] District Delegates and three [3] District Delegate Alternates to the Republican National Convention. The State Convention shall elect thirty-one [31] Delegates-at-Large and thirty-one [31] Delegates-at-Large Alternates to the Republican National Convention. In addition to the election of Delegates-at-Large and Delegates-at-Large Alternates, the State Convention shall elect a National Committeeman and a National Committeewoman.

All of the seventy-six [76][1] Delegates from Georgia to the 2016 Republican National Convention will be allocated according to the Georgia Republican 2016 Presidential Preference Primary vote as provided in Georgia Republican Party Rule 7.3.

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[1] **The National Committeeman, National Committeewoman and State Chairman are included in the RNC count as Delegates-at-Large.**
Note that participation as a delegate at any convention does not automatically ensure an individual's participation at other conventions within the State of Georgia in 2016.

The following procedures shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Georgia Republican Party, as applicable:

SECTION A. MASS MEETING AND CONVENTION DATES.

Pursuant to State Rule 9.2 (A) 2. County Committees may elect any date within a 10 day period prior to the date ending listed below to conduct their respective Precinct Mass Meetings.

Precinct Mass Meetings for Counties over 80,000 Population ***(Counties over 80,000 population operating under rule 9.2(A) may elect any date between February 11-20, 2016)***	**February 20, 2016** **10:00 a.m.**
Precinct Mass Meetings & County Conventions ***(Counties of 80,000 and under population, except those operating under Rule 9.2(B) which may elect any date between March 10-19, 2016 for both its Mass Meeting and County Convention)***	**March 19, 2016** **9:00 a.m.**
All County Conventions **(Except those Counties of 80,000 and under in population operating under Rule 9.2(B))**	**March 19, 2016** **10:00 a.m.**
District Conventions	**April 16, 2016** **10:00 a.m.**
State Convention ***Augusta Convention Center*** ***901 Reynolds St.*** ***Augusta, GA 30901***	**June 3-4, 2016**

All dates referenced beyond this section are the absolute final date something can occur related to either the Precinct Mass Meeting or Convention.

SECTION B: ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

In accordance with Georgia Election Law O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224, all individuals 18 years of age as the date of their Precinct Mass Meeting shall be deemed eligible to participate if they are a registered voter on or before February 1, 2016 (the 5th Monday prior to the actual Election date of March 1, 2016). Individuals registered after that time may not be elected a delegate or alternate from their election district [Precinct] to their county convention but may be elected a delegate or alternate from their County Convention to either the District and/or State Convention if they are 18 years of age and registered to vote on or before the date of the County Convention. As used in this Call, a “registered voter” means a resident duly registered to vote.

SECTION C. MASS MEETINGS WITHIN ALL COUNTIES OF GEORGIA

1. Rule 9.1 of the Georgia Republican Party Rules provides that counties shall use election precincts for holding Mass Meetings to elect Delegates and Alternates by precinct to the County Convention ("Election Precinct Mass Meetings").

   Rule 9.2(A) of the Georgia Republican Party Rules applies to all Counties within Georgia and permits Counties to consolidate precincts within other political subdivisions for the purpose of holding multiple Mass Meetings if the County Party submits its plan for holding said Mass Meetings in writing to the Georgia Republican Party State Executive Committee (Attn: State Chairman) no later than **December 1, 2015**, or, if the State Executive Committee approves the consolidation plan subject to certain conditions, the County shall proceed with such modified consolidation plan**.** If the State Executive Committee takes no action on the County's proposed multiple Mass Meeting plan prior to December 31, 2015, the County may proceed with such plan. In all Election Precinct and multiple Mass Meetings:

   (a) All Delegates and Alternates elected to the County Conventions must be elected by precinct,
   (b) All Delegates and Alternates elected from a precinct shall be resident, registered voters from that precinct as of February 1, 2016,
   (c) All Delegates and Alternates shall be elected by registered voters in attendance from that precinct, and
   (d) **In the event a particular precinct does not have any eligible individual (Section B) present, neither Delegates nor Alternates may be elected from that precinct.**

2. A copy of this Call shall be sent to each County Chairman, who, upon receipt of said Call, shall convene a meeting of his or her respective County Committee for the purpose of approving published notice of the Call for Mass Meetings, the County Convention, and the Congressional District Conventions.

3. The County Chairman shall also cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County a notice containing the date, time and place of the Mass Meetings and County Convention, not later than **January 27, 2016** (for Counties with population of over 80,000) or not later than **February 25, 2016** (for Counties with population of 80,000 and under). The notice shall specify that the Mass Meetings and the County Convention will be held on specific day and at specific place.

4. In the absence of a duly elected Precinct Chairman or Vice Chairman, the County Chairman shall appoint a Temporary Chairman for each Mass Meeting, giving preference to the ranking precinct officer, if any, who shall be willing and available to serve.

5. The selection and number of Delegates and Alternates to the respective County Conventions shall be determined as set out in Sections I and J of this Call.

SECTION D: COUNTIES WITH POPULATIONS OF OVER 80,000

1. For Counties in which the population is over 80,000 according to the 2010 Decennial Census (see Appendix C attached), all Election Precinct and multiple Mass Meetings shall convene at exactly 10 A.M. on the **20th day of February, 2016** in building(s) appropriate for public use where practical and, unless otherwise approved in a plan submitted under Rule 9.2(A), within the geographic limits of the precinct or, in the case of multiple Mass Meetings, within the geographic limits of the utilized political subdivision as it existed in November 2014.

SECTION E. COUNTIES WITH POPULATIONS 80, 000 AND UNDER.

1. A County with a population of 80,000 and under shall hold its Mass Meeting and County Convention on **March 19, 2016** at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. respectively unless the County Committee has filed a plan with the State Executive Committee to hold its Mass Meeting and County Convention on one date between March 10-19, 2016 and the State Executive Committee has approved the same.

SECTION F. COUNTY CONVENTIONS

1. County Conventions are hereby called to convene in buildings appropriate for public use within the geographic boundaries of each respective County in Georgia, on the **March 19, 2016** at exactly 10 A.M., for the purpose of electing Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District and State Conventions and conducting all other necessary and proper business.

2. Before any Delegate or Alternate elected at the Election Precinct or multiple Mass Meetings to the respective County Conventions shall sit, act and participate in the County Convention as a Delegate or Alternate, he or she shall be properly certified to the Chairman and Secretary of the County Convention (or their designee).

3. Each County in Georgia shall elect at its County Convention that number of Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District(s) and State Conventions as set out in Section J of this Call.

4. In the absence of an existing County Chairman or Vice Chairman not otherwise replaced pursuant to applicable rules, the Congressional District Chairman for the Congressional District having the largest number of registered voters from the County shall appoint a Temporary Chairman of the County Convention.

SECTION G. DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

1. Congressional District Conventions are hereby called to convene in each Congressional District of the State of Georgia on April 16, 2016 at exactly 10 A.M., at a place suitable for public use for the purposes of electing three [3] Delegates and three [3] Alternates from the District to the 2016 Republican National Convention and conducting all other necessary and proper business.

2. A copy of this Call shall be sent to each Congressional District Chairman. The Congressional District Chairman shall give written notice of the time, date and place of the Congressional District Convention to all Delegates and Alternates to the District Convention elected at a County Convention; such notices shall be mailed no later than April 1, 2016.

3. Only Delegates and Alternates elected by their various County Conventions as Delegates and Alternates to the particular Congressional District Convention, and who shall have timely appeared and registered as required by paragraph 1 of this Section may sit, act and participate in such Congressional District Convention, and only Delegates and seated Alternates shall be eligible to vote in District Conventions.

4. Each district shall elect at its District Convention three [3] Delegates and three [3] Alternates to the 2016 Republican National Convention.

5. If any Congressional District Committee shall fail or refuse to call a District Convention, then the State Chairman shall call such District Committee together for said purpose.

SECTION H. STATE CONVENTION

1. The State Convention of the Georgia Republican Party is hereby called to be held in Richmond County, Georgia, on June 3 and 4, 2016 commencing at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, June 3rd for the purposes of electing Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large to the 2016 Republican National Convention, electing a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman and conducting all other necessary and proper business.

2. The State Secretary shall cause prior written notice to be sent to all Delegates and Alternates elected at the various County Conventions, informing them of the date, time, and address of the State Convention.

3. Before any Delegate or Alternate elected at County Conventions shall sit, act, and participate in the State Convention and be eligible to be a Delegate or Alternate, he or she shall be properly certified to the Chairman and Secretary of the State Convention (or their designee).

4. All Delegate and Alternate registration shall close at exactly 10 A. M. on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

5. Only Delegates and Alternates elected by the various County Conventions to the State Convention as set forth in Section F and who have met the requirements of paragraph 3 of this Section may sit, act and participate in the State Convention, and only Delegates and seated Alternates shall be eligible to vote in the State Convention.

6. Proposed resolutions and changes to Georgia Republican Party Rules must be submitted no later than April 30, 2016 to the Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party, P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355. No proposed resolutions or rules changes received after that date may be considered by the State Convention.

7. Should the total number of Alternates from a County present and credentialed, when combined with the total number of Delegates present and credentialed per requirement of paragraph 4 in this Section, not exceed the total allocation of Delegates from the County, the State Convention Credentials Committee will have the authority to elevate all Alternates to Delegate status from that County.

SECTION I. GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

1. Only qualified, registered, resident electors of the given Precinct, County or District may vote, hold office, or be elected as a Delegate or Alternate in the respective Mass Meetings or Conventions.

2. Delegates and Alternates do not have to be in attendance or be Delegates or Alternates to the Convention at which they are elected to serve as Delegates or Alternates to another convention.

3. A person elected from one Precinct, County or District cannot fill the Delegate or Alternate slot of a missing Delegate or Alternate elected from another Precinct, County or District at any Mass Meeting or Convention.

4. Delegates and Alternates shall not be paired. The Delegates of each delegation shall, by caucus and by majority vote, adopt a plan for the seating of Alternates in the event of any missing Delegates of their delegation, except as provided in Section H Paragraph 7 of this Call.

5. No Alternate shall be elected before all Delegate slots are filled. After all Delegate slots are filled, conventions shall then attempt to elect a number of Alternates equal to the number of elected Delegates.

6. All Conventions and Mass Meetings shall be open to the public as spectators.

SECTION J. APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES

1. Allocation of Delegates to the County Conventions shall be as follows:

    a. Each Precinct shall be entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the County Convention and further shall be entitled to one additional delegate and one Alternate for each fifty (50) votes and major fraction thereof (26 or more) cast for Mitt Romney for President in the 2012 Georgia General Election. The Precinct votes shall be determined on the basis of the boundary lines of the Precinct in the 2010 General Election.

    b. At the discretion of the County Committee in Counties having a population of over one hundred thousand (100,000), each Election District (Precinct) shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each one hundred and fifty (150) votes and major fraction thereof (76 or more) cast for Mitt Romney for President in the 2012 Georgia General Election. If such determination is made, notice of such action must be made to the State Executive Committee in writing no later than December 1, 2015.

    c. At the discretion of the County Committee in Counties having a population of over five hundred thousand (500,000), each Election District (Precinct) shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each two hundred and fifty (250) votes and major fraction thereof (126 or more) cast for Mitt Romney for President in the 2012 Georgia General Election. If such determination is made, notice of such action must be made to the State Executive Committee in writing no later than December 1, 2015.

2. The allocation of Delegates and Alternates to the Congressional District Conventions and State Convention has been calculated in accordance with the following: Each County is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the State Convention and further is entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each one thousand (1,000) votes and major fraction thereof (501 or more) cast for Mitt Romney for President in the 2012 Georgia General Election. Each County is entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate to the District Convention (in split counties said Delegate and Alternate shall be awarded to the District in which the majority of the County's voters reside) and further is entitled to one additional Delegate and one additional Alternate for each seven hundred-fifty (750) votes and major fraction thereof (376 or more) cast for Mitt Romney for President in the 2012 Georgia General Election. **(See Appendices A and B for a complete listing of County and Congressional delegate allocations).** No Delegate or Alternate shall have permission to cast a fractional vote.

3. In order to be eligible for consideration by the Georgia State Convention for any of the at-large (31) seats as either a Delegate or Alternate to represent Georgia at the Republican National Convention, an individual is required to submit a resume package, including a political resume, to the Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party at Georgia Republican Party Headquarters, P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355 on or before by May 1, 2016.

SECTION K. REPORTS AND FILING OF CREDENTIALS

1. Mass Meetings

Immediately after adjournment of the Mass Meeting, the Chairman of the Mass Meeting shall file a list of the Delegates and Alternates elected to the respective County Conventions at the Mass Meeting, certified by the Chairman and Secretary of the Mass Meeting:

FIRST: Mail one set of the above information to the Chairman of the County in which the Election Precinct is located.

> In cases of counties with 80,000 or fewer population which hold their Precinct Conventions on the same date as their County Conventions., the Precinct credentials shall be hand delivered to the County Chairman for use in the County Convention beginning at 10:00 a.m. that day.

SECOND: One set of the above information shall be retained by the Election Precinct Secretary. Credential forms for Election Precinct and multiple Mass Meetings shall be approved and furnished by the Chairman and Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party and shall be sent to the County Chairman for delivery to the Precinct Chairman. All of the credential forms shall provide thereon a certification signed by the respective Mass Meeting Chairman and Secretary.

> The County Chairman shall within five (5) business days of adjournment of Mass Meeting send a copy of the list of Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention to the Secretary of the State Committee at Georgia Republican Party headquarters.

2. County Conventions

Within five (5) days of adjournment, the Chairman of the County Convention shall file (a) a list and the credentials of the Delegates and Alternates elected to the Congressional District and State Conventions and the county officer and committee information, certified by the Chairman and Secretary of the County Conventions, (b) a copy of the newspaper notice required by this Call and the Georgia Republican Party Rules, (c) a certified copy of the County Convention minutes and (d) a certified copy of any newly adopted or amended County rules as follows:

FIRST: Mail one set of the above documents to the Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party at Georgia Republican Party Headquarters, P. 0. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355.

SECOND: Mail one set of the above documents to the Chairman of the Congressional District(s) in which the County is located.

THIRD: One set of the above documents shall be retained by the Secretary of the County Committee. Credential forms for County Conventions shall be approved and furnished by the Chairman and Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party and shall be sent to the County Chairman. All of the Credential forms shall provide thereon a certification signed by the respective Convention Chairman and Secretary.

3. Congressional District Conventions

Immediately after the District Convention, the Chairman of each Congressional District Convention shall file a certified list of the names and addresses of the Delegates and Alternates to the 2016 Republican National Convention, elected by the District Convention, as follows:

FIRST: Mail one set of the above materials above to the Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party at Georgia Republican Party Headquarters, P. O. Box 550008, Atlanta, GA 30355, postmarked or delivered within five (5) days of the adjournment of the District Convention.

SECOND: One set of the materials is to be retained by the Secretary of the Congressional District Committee.

SECTION L. ADOPTION AND FILING OF RULES (AS NECESSARY)

Revised rules or amended rules, as necessary, may be adopted by each Convention, provided those rules are consistent with the Rules of the Georgia Republican Party. In accordance with the Georgia Election Code (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-1 et seq.) and Georgia Republican Party Rule 9.12, ***a copy of the revised or amended County rules must be filed with the election superintendent of the respective County and the District Chairman of the appropriate District.*** A copy of the revised or amended District Rules must be filed with the Chairman and Secretary of the Georgia Republican Party State Committee within five (5) business days of the adjournment of the conventions and a copy of the Georgia Republican Party Rules must be filed with the Secretary of State. All such distribution and filing shall be within thirty (30) days of the adoption of said Rules.

SECTION M. GOVERNING RULES

The Call of the Georgia Republican Party is the governing document for all events defined within this document. For all other purposes, except to the extent of any modifications by the Rules of the Republican National Committee or the Georgia Republican Party, the most current version of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be followed in all Mass Meetings and Conventions.

SECTION N. NO BUSINESS WHILE COMMITTEES ARE IN SESSION

No official business shall be transacted at any Mass Meeting or Convention while any of its Committees are in session.

SECTION O. NO PROXIES

No proxies are allowed at any meeting or conventions. In the absence of a Delegate, only an elected Alternate may vote in place of a Delegate.

SECTION P. NO AUTOMATIC DELEGATES

There shall be no Delegates or Alternates who serve automatically by virtue of Party position or elective office.

SECTION Q. NO UNIT RULE

No unit rule may be imposed by any Mass Meeting or Convention on any Delegates or Alternates elected by it.

SECTION R. APPEALS OF ACTIONS OF 2016 CONVENTIONS AND MASS MEETINGS

Any disputed actions of a Mass Meeting that occurs prior to the date of the County Convention shall be appealed in writing to the County Committee within 10 days of adjournment of the Mass Meeting in question. In order to pursue an appeal, it must be signed by 5 registered participants or 10% attending or attempting to attend said Mass Meeting. If a County shall fail to hear the appeal; the appellants may submit it to the District Committee with the largest delegation from that County.

If the Mass Meeting occurs the same day as the County Convention the process shall follow the County Convention Appeals Process defined below.

Any disputed actions of a County Convention must be appealed in writing to the District Committee, with a copy to the State Committee on Appeals, within 10 days of adjournment of the County Convention in question. In order to pursue an appeal, the appeal must be signed by 25 registered delegates attending the County Convention or 10% of registered delegates attending the County Convention, whichever is larger. In Counties with multiple Congressional Districts (Split), the appeal should be presented to the District with the largest delegation from that County.

Should the District Committee not take the matter up within 10 days of receiving the appeal, the appeal will automatically be referred to the State Committee on Appeals and reviewed within 30 days of the initial complaint. Should the District Committee hear the matter, it shall report that it heard the matter and its findings to both the State Committee on Appeals and the appellants. Should a party wish to appeal the decision of the District Committee with respect to the County to the State Committee on Appeals, they shall do within 10 days of the date of the District Committee’s decision.

Any disputed actions of a District Convention must be appealed in writing to the State Committee on Appeals within 10 days of adjournment of the District Convention in question. In order to pursue an appeal, the appeal must be signed by 25 registered delegates attending the District Convention or 10% of registered delegates attending the District Convention, whichever is larger.

As provided by the Rules of the Republican National Committee, in the event any appeal regarding national delegates and alternates is heard by the State Committee on Appeals, the final decision on that appeal shall be by the State Convention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certify that foregoing was adopted by the State Committee of the Georgia Republican Party on this 26th day of September, 2015.

ATTEST

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Chairman

/s/Anne Lewis
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