RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE AUTHORITY OF THE OKLAHOMA REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRWOMAN TO ENDORSE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

WHEREAS, the Craig County Republican Party is a duly constituted county organization of the Oklahoma Republican Party ("OKGOP"), operating under the Rules of the Oklahoma Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Charity Linch was duly elected by the members of the Oklahoma Republican Party to serve as State Chairwoman; and

WHEREAS, Rule 4.4.6(3) provides that "The State Chairman shall be the executive officer ... of the Oklahoma Republican Party"; and

WHEREAS, Rule 4.4.6(6) provides that the State Chairman "shall have general supervision over all activities, functions, and campaigns within the state"; and

WHEREAS, Rule 4.1.12 recognizes that Party officers may exercise authority and establish procedures "not inconsistent with these rules"; and

WHEREAS, Rule 11.3 adopts Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised as the parliamentary authority for matters not specifically addressed by the OKGOP Rules; and

WHEREAS, under established principles of parliamentary law, an elected officer retains the powers and discretion of the office unless those powers are expressly limited by the organization's governing rules; and

WHEREAS, a review of the Oklahoma Republican Party Rules reveals no rule that prohibits the State Chairwoman from endorsing Republican candidates; and

WHEREAS, Rule 4.3.4(5) prohibits publicly supporting or endorsing **opponents** of candidates of the Republican Party, thereby demonstrating that the Rules distinguish between supporting Republicans and supporting opponents of the Republican Party;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED,

That the State Committee of the Oklahoma Republican Party affirms its confidence in Charity Linch as the duly elected Chairwoman of the Oklahoma Republican Party; and

RESOLVED, that the State Committee of the Oklahoma Republican Party recognizes that the State Chairwoman possesses the authority to publicly support, advocate for, and endorse Republican candidates when, in her judgment, doing so is consistent with her responsibilities as the elected executive officer of the Oklahoma Republican Party; and

RESOLVED, that the State Committee of the Oklahoma Republican Party finds that such endorsements are not prohibited by the Oklahoma Republican Party Rules and therefore do not constitute a violation of those Rules; and

RESOLVED, that any future limitation upon the authority of a State Chairwoman or State Chairman to endorse candidates should occur only through the formal amendment process established by the Oklahoma Republican Party Rules; and

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Oklahoma Republican Party is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the officers and members of the Oklahoma Republican Party State Committee.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Chairman of the State Committee of the Oklahoma Republican Party, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the State Committee of the Oklahoma Republican Party, held on the 22nd day of August 2026, at which a quorum was present.

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Chairman, State Committee of the Oklahoma Republican Party