



## **Resolution Supporting a “Return to Excellence” in Voting and Elections**

Whereas, The Republican National Committee (RNC) adopted a [“Resolution Urging a ‘Return to Excellence’ in Voting and Elections”](#) during the RNC Summer 2023 Meeting; and

Whereas, The Hardin County Republican party believes that voting is a solemn responsibility and privilege that must be protected; and

Whereas, Kentuckians across the Commonwealth expect transparent, accurate, and secure elections; and

Whereas, The Founders believed the integrity of voting and elections was foundational to a society decentralized from a federal government; and

Whereas, The Laws of the United States, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky ensure only United States citizens, and residents of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, should decide our elections; and

Whereas, The grassroots activists of the Republican Party have discovered and made it abundantly clear that there are recognized problems with electronic election procedures; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Hardin County Republican Party supports the rights of counties to implement voting procedures that do not require the use of machines and instead implement hand-counting procedures that are fully auditable and can be self-audited; which also calls on the state legislature to pass laws that allow for fully transparent hand-counting procedures that are fully observable by the public and the registered parties for geographically defined audits and recounts; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Hardin County Republican Party calls on all Republican officeholders to defend the historic practice of geographically-defined and assigned precincts and localized polling places for means of balloting and tabulating paper ballots; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Hardin County Republican Party opposes any effort to expand time periods for early voting or vote-by-mail; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Hardin County Republican Party calls for a necessary “return to excellence” through simple and proven methods of precinct voting with auditable balloting procedures using paper ballots to ensure every voter is memorialized by a paper record, using proper identification to strengthen voter confidence, and to ensure that American election procedures can be a fair and open process for all to participate.