

## RESOLUTION TO DISMISS LINDA DEVORE AS NCGOP CREDENTIALS CHAIR

**WHEREAS**, the current North Carolina Republican Party (NCGOP) Credentials Committee is chaired by Linda Devore, who was appointed by the NCGOP Chairman to lead a uniform, fair and impartial credentialing process leading to optimal attendance by all qualified Republican delegates at the State GOP Convention in June 2025, and who is, herself, in violation of state law (NCGS 163-30) by serving as state NCGOP Credentials Committee Chair while still a member of the Cumberland County Board of Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Section VII.B.3 of the North Carolina Republican Party Plan of Organization states, “The Chair and Secretary of the County Executive Committee shall certify the election of officers, Committee members, Delegates, Alternates and Precinct Chairs to the District and State Conventions, on forms created by the State Credentials Committee and approved by the State Central Committee and in conformance with Article VII.” There is no further authorized process in the Plan that authorizes the State Credentials Committee to investigate or alter those credentials reports, with or without a challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Republican Party Plan of Organization outlines in Article VII.C.3.a. that, “...The Chair and Secretary of the Congressional District shall certify election of officers, and At Large Members of the State Executive Committee, elected according to the provisions of Article VII.B.2.b. and c. Completed District credentials, plus completed credentials for the Counties within the District, shall be in the hands of the State Credentials Committee Chair by the deadline set by the State Chair.” This clearly indicates that each District Credentials Committee is to be directly involved in the due process of credentialing county delegations, and it precludes contrary action by the state GOP’s Credentials Committee, short of action by or recommendation from a District’s Credentials Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section D.1. of the State Plan directs that, “...Delegates and Alternates elected at the County Conventions, unless successfully challenged, shall sit as Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention.” Further, Section VII.D.3. clearly indicates the State Credentials Committee is to meet and report on the credentialing, and makes no mention of qualifying or correcting County and District-certified delegates. No where in the State Plan of Organization is there guidance or permission for the state Credentials Committee Chairman to assume investigatory powers or to initiate a ‘witch hunt’ to question, much less de-credential, a county’s certified delegation or even to demand and inspect documents other than the sign-in sheets and credentials report from each county; and

**WHEREAS**, Linda Devore has wantonly violated the above procedures repeatedly during the State Credentials Committee proceedings during March and April of 2025, repeatedly challenging county and district-certified credentials lists, demanding documentation and recordings she has no authority to inspect, seeking to credential delegates who were not included in county reports (as in Person County) or seeking to de-credential delegates who were certified in county reports (as in Lee County) without authority; and

**WHEREAS**, For two months, Ms. Devore has perpetuated a discordant and stressful environment among credentials committee members, even bullying some district credentials representatives to the point of resigning from the Committee, contrary to the objective of the state Credentials Committee, which is to seat all qualified and certified delegates, as reported by the counties and districts, thus optimizing attendance and participation at the annual state convention.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Linda Devore’s sustained aberrant behavior, exceeding the authority of the NCGOP State Plan of Organization as state Credentials Committee Chairman diminishes the image of the NCGOP, intimidates and offends multiple county Chairmen, reduces county and district delegate desire to participate, and casts a shadow over the upcoming state convention.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Linda Devore should resign as state Credentials Committee Chairman, for the good of the party, and if she refuses to voluntarily resign, she should be fired from her position as state Credentials Committee Chairman by the State Party Chairman.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 by the NCGOP 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

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Roger Farina  
Chairman

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Jean Casanave  
Secretary