CONSTITUTION

for the

AMERICA FIRST PARTY OF FLORIDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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With respect to this document, whenever the singular or plural number or masculine or feminine or neuter gender is used herein it shall equally include the others as the context may require.

CONSTITUTION for the AMERICA FIRST PARTY OF FLORIDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The AMERICA FIRST PARTY OF FLORIDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, with the authority vested in it by the Florida Statutes for a State Executive Committee, does hereby make, ordain, and establish this as its Constitution.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be the America First Party of Florida ("AFPF") and shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Florida Executive Committee."

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Florida Executive Committee shall be:

- (A) To develop a strong, effective, and informed America First Party in every Florida County.
- (B) To promote the America First principles of limited governance, election integrity and constitutional literacy.
- (C) To secure the election of duly nominated America First Party of Florida candidates, to encourage capable and qualified America First Party of Florida members to seek office at all levels of government, and to recruit, support and elect candidates who uphold the values of the AFP.
- (D) Engage in voter education, grassroots organizing, and civic participation.
- (E) To regulate the America First Party of Florida brand, and the use of party name and symbols in Florida (to include any political use of the term "America First").

ARTICLE IIIMEMBERSHIP - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

- **Section 1.** Eligibility. An American citizen, eligible under Florida law to register to vote in the State of Florida, who will be at least eighteen (18) years old by the next general election, and who supports the principles and objectives of the AFPF, may become a member of the America First Party of Florida in accordance with party rules and obedience to the America First Party of Florida Oath, provided such eligibility aligns with any other requirements set forth in Florida law.
- **Section 2.** <u>County Executive Committee ("CEC") Membership</u>. Once registered, AFPF voters are considered non-voting, Associate Members until they have been registered AFPF voters

for the immediately preceding 365 consecutive days, at which time they become Full Members of the CEC for the one Florida County in which they are registered to vote.

- Section 3. Florida Executive Committee ("FEC") Membership. The Florida Executive Committee shall consist of up to three (3) County Executive Committee Directors to be designated in writing as County Representatives to the FEC ("County Representative") from each County Executive Committee, as provided by Party rule. Elected America First Party of Florida statewide officers, Florida House and Senate members shall be considered "at-large" (non-voting) members of the Florida Executive Committee, as provided by state law. The Florida Executive Committee shall organize itself in accordance with Party rule, shall have all of the privileges and rights, and shall perform all of the duties and obligations afforded, or required by, Florida Statutes.
- **Section 4.** Authority. The Florida Executive Committee (FEC) is authorized to act fully and completely on behalf of the Party in all matters that may be brought before it. Furthermore, the FEC Board of Trustees shall be considered a competent tribunal as specified in Section 103.131(7), Florida Statutes, for the express purpose of considering any member or officer for removal by declaring void his or her election or appointment, provided they were not directly elected by voters in a Primary or General Election. The FEC is fully empowered to take any actions appropriate for censure or discipline of any officer or member for cause, including removal from office or expulsion from the party, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, for a necessary finding of cause and determination of accountability while in session as a competent tribunal with due process rights protected, as required by Florida law.
- Section 5. Meetings. The Florida Executive Committee (FEC) shall hold at least two regular meetings each year upon call of the FEC Chair by ten (10) days written notice, provided that such notice shall be communicated by email and posted on the AFPF website and other social media channels. A special meeting of the Florida Executive Committee may be called at any time by the FEC Chair or shall be called upon written request of a majority of the members of the FEC Board of Trustees, which request shall state the purpose of the call for a special meeting and the date, time, and location. The Secretary, upon receipt of a valid written request, shall issue a call for such special meeting, detailing the specific purpose for such meeting to each member of the FEC Board of Trustees with at least ten (10) days written notice, in accordance with Florida law. A quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the FEC Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board, but a minority of those present at any regular or special meeting, though less than a quorum, shall have the power to adjourn the meeting to a future time. The vote required on any question coming before the FEC shall be a majority of the quorum present. Proxy voting is explicitly forbidden at all meetings of the FEC.
- **Section 5.** Party Rules. The Florida Executive Committee (FEC) shall be responsible for adopting all Party Rules that affect the operations of the America First Party of Florida. All such rules shall be announced to the Florida Executive Committee at the next regular or special meeting of the Florida Executive Committee and shall be subject to change or deletion by the full Committee. It is expressly forbidden to vote rules in by Consent Order and all rule changes up for adoption must be opened to the FEC for debate.

ARTICLE IV TRUSTEES

- **Section 1.** Trustees. FEC Board of Trustees requires an odd number of no fewer than five (5) and no more than nine (9) Trustees. Trustees shall be elected from the membership of the FEC. FEC Trustees owe the AFPF fiduciary duties to act in the best interest of the AFPF at all times, to not seek personal gain, abuse power, damage the party's reputation, or benefit financially from the AFPF or the Trustee's position. The FEC Board of Trustees meets monthly and directs the FEC Chair and other officers in their duties. If there is an even number of Trustees, and a tie vote occurs, the vote will be decided according to Party rule. Trustees must have served honorably (good behavior and without any prior removal) as an officer in the FEC prior to being nominated for membership to the FEC Board of Trustees.
- **Section 2.** <u>Duties</u>. The FEC Board of Trustees ("Board") is the governing and decision making body for the FEC. The FEC Board:
 - (A) Directs and oversees the actions of the FEC Chair and FEC officers.
 - (B) Coordinates policy, strategy, and financial considerations for the FEC.
- (C) May remove any officer by a majority vote of the total Board members with quorum (i.e. 9 member board, 7 members present: 5 vote for removal = removal, but if 4 vote for removal = no removal).
- (D) In the event of a vacancy of the FEC Chair, the Board shall call an election for the purpose of electing a new FEC Chair and for filling any other vacancies that might exist. Said election shall be held within sixty days of the date the vacancy occurs.
 - (E) Nominates members for positions as FEC officers for vote by the FEC Membership.
- (F) Trustees must attend all Regular FEC Board of Trustees meetings, and Special meetings with ten (10) days written notice.
- **Section 3.** Removal. Trustees may be removed by a unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees, or by a majority of the full FEC calling for an FEC-wide "Vote of No Confidence" with a 75% FEC-wide "no confidence" vote. Trustee removal shall be immediate upon certification of the vote by the FEC Chair and Secretary. Removal as a Trustee does not automatically require removal from the America First Party of Florida, the FEC, or CEC membership or Directorship.
- **Section 4.** Term of Office. All Trustees of the FEC shall hold office for a term of two years. Elections of Trustees shall take place at the organizational meeting as provided in Party rule on a biennial basis. Trustee elections shall be made during December of each election year.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Florida Executive Committee shall be members of America First Party of Florida and the Florida Executive Committee, and shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The secretary and treasurer can be same person; others cannot hold more than one office. These officers will report to and be supervised by the FEC Board of Trustees. Officer candidates must be nominated by a member of the Board of Trustees. Elections of officers between willing candidates will be held at Annual Meetings or in accordance with Article VI vacancy requirements.

Section 2. Duties.

- (A) The FEC Chair serves at the pleasure of, and is responsible to, the FEC Board of Trustees. The FEC Chair shall preside at all organizational, biannual, or special meetings of the Florida Executive Committee and all meetings of the Board of Trustees; he shall have general supervision over the day-to-day affairs of the Florida Executive Committee and over the other officers; he shall perform all such other duties as are conferred or imposed upon him from time to time by the FEC Board of Trustees and Florida Statutes. The FEC Chair is the primary single source of communication for the FEC. The FEC Chair will coordinate the AFPF support of America First Party of Florida nominees at the national, statewide and multi-county level, and will coordinate efforts with CEC Chairs to coordinate campaigns for county AFPF party nominees.
- (B) The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the FEC Chair in the absence or disability of the FEC Chair. In the event the FEC Chair is no longer able to perform his duties, either through death, disability, or through resignation, the Vice Chair shall temporarily assume the duties of the FEC Chair.
- (C) The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings of the Florida Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees meetings, and shall attend and keep minutes of the same; and shall have charge of the FEC's books, records, and papers, and shall perform all such duties as are incident to his office or imposed or conferred upon him by the Board and Florida Statutes. An Assistant Secretary may be appointed by the Board, and shall assist or assume duties as required.
- (D) The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies and securities of the FEC and shall give bond in such amount and with such sureties as the Board of Trustees may from time to time require, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office. He shall keep regular books of account and shall submit them together with all his vouchers, receipts, records, and other papers to the Board of Trustees and FEC for their examination and approval as often as they may require. He shall perform all such other duties as are incident to his office or imposed or conferred upon him by the Board of Trustees and Florida Statutes. The Board may appoint an Assistant Treasurer who shall assist or assume duties as required.

- **Section 3.** Removal. Any officer of the FEC may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees as outlined in Article IV, Section 2, paragraph C.
- **Section 4.** <u>Term of Office</u>. All officers of the FEC shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successor is elected. Elections of officers shall take place at the organizational meeting as provided in Party rule on a biennial basis. Officer elections shall be made during December of each non-election year.

ARTICLE VI VACANCIES

- **Section 1.** <u>Florida Executive Committee Officers</u>. Vacancies in the offices of the Florida Executive Committee, other than the Chair, shall be filled by the Board of Trustees until the next semi-annual meeting of the Florida Executive Committee at which meeting an election shall be held to fill such vacancy.
- Section 2. <u>County Representatives as Florida Executive Committee Members.</u> Vacancies in membership of the Florida Executive Committee shall, where possible, be filled by the County Executive Committee of the county wherein the vacancy occurred in the manner as provided from time to time by Party rule. CEC participation in the FEC events is not mandatory. No FEC members are required from a county where no County Executive Committee is organized.
- **Section 3.** Congressional District Board. Congressional District Board shall consist of the three (3) County Representatives to the FEC for each county covered by the Congressional District. In the event of a tie vote on a matter before the Congressional District Board, the vote of a member from the county with the most voters in the Congressional District will count as 1.1 votes each.

ARTICLE VII PARTY AUTHORITY

Final authority in all America First Party of Florida matters and in Party organization and/or government not specified or otherwise delegated by Florida Statutes shall be vested in the Florida Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - FLORIDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The organizational meeting of the Florida Executive Committee shall be called as required by Florida Statutes and party rules and the first order of business of such meeting shall be the adoption of the Rules of Procedure for such meeting. The preceding FEC Chair shall preside at such meeting.

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS OF THE FLORIDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **Section 1.** Annual Meeting. There shall be an annual meeting of the Florida Executive Committee held between December 1 and January 31, at such time and place as the Board of Trustees may determine. The location should be capable of accommodating attending membership.
- **Section 2.** <u>Biennial Meeting</u>. There may be a biennial meeting of the Florida Executive Committee held between April 1 and June 1, at such time and place as the Board of Trustees may determine. The location should be a location capable of accommodating attending membership or organized online.
- Section 3. Special Meeting. A special meeting of the Florida Executive Committee may be called at any time by the FEC Chair at the direction of the Board of Trustees, or shall be called upon written request of twenty percent of the members of the Florida Executive Committee, which request shall state the purpose of the call for a special meeting. The FEC Chair shall issue a call for a special meeting detailing the specific purpose for such meeting to each member of the Florida Executive Committee to be held within thirty (30) days. Fifteen (15) days notice shall be given to each member of the Florida Executive Committee by the Secretary for special meetings of the Florida Executive Committee. Special meetings may be conducted in compliance with Florida law allowing for reduced notice in cases of urgent matters.
- **Section 4.** Notice. Notice of the time and place of all organizational, annual, biennial or special meetings of the Florida Executive Committee shall be emailed by the Secretary to each member of the FEC, and also posted on the AFPF website and other social media, at least ten (10) days before the date thereof. Notices of the time and place of all organizational, annual, or biennial meetings of the Florida Executive Committee shall also be mailed to any FEC members without email addresses on file at least twenty (20) days before the date thereof.
- **Section 5. Vote.** No proxy voting shall be permitted at any meeting of the Florida Executive Committee.
- **Section 6. Quorum.** A quorum for the transaction of business at any organizational, biennial, annual, or special meeting of the Florida Executive Committee shall consist of a majority (fifty percent of written designees plus one) of the total members of the Florida Executive Committee. If less than a quorum is present, they may adjourn the meeting to a future time. The vote required on any question coming before the Florida Executive Committee shall be a majority of the quorum present except where otherwise provided in this Constitution.
- **Section 7.** Elections for FEC Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will be held at Annual Meetings, but may also be held in accordance with requirements under Article VI, Section 1, "Vacancies," as necessary.

ARTICLE X
FINANCE AND REVENUES

- Section 1. Account Signatures. The FEC Chair (or Vice Chair if there is no Chair) and Treasurer, signing jointly, shall be the authorized signatures on the bank account of the Florida Executive Committee. A copy of a resolution authorizing such account, certified to by the Secretary of the Florida Executive Committee, shall be sufficient authority to any such bank or savings institution for the establishment of such account and for the authority of the above named officers to sign thereon.
- Section 2. <u>Committees</u>. Any committees or subcommittees of the Florida Executive Committee desiring to establish a special account or accounts shall do so only upon its recommendation to and approval by the FEC Board of Trustees. The FEC Board of Trustees shall, by resolution, authorize the establishment of such account or accounts and determine therein the officers or other persons authorized to sign on such accounts.
- **Section 3.** Compliance and Filing. The FEC Chair and Treasurer shall maintain all electronic identities to properly comply with Department of State, Division of Elections campaign finance and reporting requirements, and two-person integrity shall be maintained.

ARTICLE XI PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern the Florida Executive Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution of the Florida Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII COMMITTEES

The FEC Chair shall recommend and oversee such standing Committees as the Board of Trustees shall deem necessary. These committees may be discontinued by a majority vote of the full FEC at any properly noticed FEC meeting, provided a quorum is met.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at an annual meeting of the Florida Executive Committee by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the full membership thereof. Any proposed amendment shall be furnished in writing to the FEC Board of Trustees, Chair and General Counsel of the Florida Executive Committee, and circulated to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which such proposed amendments are to be considered.

ARTICLE XIV EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution shall take effect at the time of adoption and continue until it is amended in

accordance with Article XIII.