Resolution to End Property Tax, Prioritizing Primary Residence Exemptions

WHEREAS, property taxes in Georgia place a continual recurring burden on homeowners, renters, and businesses—disproportionately impacting fixed-income residents, the elderly, and small enterprises; and

WHEREAS, these inherently regressive taxes ignore one's ability to pay and threaten Georgians with loss of their homes or businesses during economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, a mix of more equitable revenue sources (such as consumption and excise taxes, user fees, LOST expansion, and state-managed trust funds) could replace property tax revenue and be tailored by each locality to fund essential services like education, infrastructure and public safety; and

WHEREAS, ending property taxes, beginning with a primary residence exemption, would significantly ease Georgians' financial strain, boost homeownership, spur economic growth, and attract residents and businesses to Georgia; and

WHEREAS, eliminating this tax upholds Republican principles of individual liberty and property rights, freeing Georgians from perpetual taxation on their own land;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Henry County Republican Party supports abolishing property taxes in Georgia, with immediate emphasis on primary residence exemptions, and calls on the General Assembly and Governor to phase out this tax; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Georgia should adopt fair revenue alternatives to fund vital public services without overburdening citizens or jeopardizing their property rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to Governor Brian Kemp, General Assembly leaders, and relevant officials for action.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of March, 2025, by the Henry County Republican Party.