



Mackinac County Republican Party Resolution Opposing Ranked
Choice Voting.

WHEREAS, The mission of the Mackinac County Republican Party is to act as the party of liberty, the party of equality, the party of opportunity for all, the party of favoritism for none, and to encourage and allow the broadest possible participation of all voters in Republican Party activities at all levels, and to ensure that the Mackinac County Republican Party is open and accessible to all Americans;

WHEREAS, America has operated on a well-understood and relatively uniform election system that has been implemented over two hundred years to support our constitutional republic;

WHEREAS, The political parties in America have created the world's largest representative forums for debate among thousands of factions of American citizens across the nation;

WHEREAS, Traditional American primary and general elections ensure that voters who support a single candidate, rather than multiple candidates, are clearly heard. In contrast, ranked choice voting systems can lead to "ballot exhaustion," which may disenfranchise voters who choose not to support multiple candidates that do not accurately represent their values.

WHEREAS, Mackinac County Republican Party has made it abundantly clear that they do not trust new election procedures, outcomes, and further complications of modern systems that sow additional distrust in elections, and we need to keep voting simple and secure.

WHEREAS, Educating voters on the confusing processes that vary by state has cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars for educational efforts that have provided ineffective results;

WHEREAS, States and communities where ranked choice voting has been tested have consistently decreased voter participation in those communities, and in many cases, the elections have resulted in more discarded votes than counted votes;

WHEREAS, Ranked-choice voting often results in additional tabulation delays, requiring days or weeks of extra counting, and relies exclusively on technology without traceable ballots to support the determination of winners; and

WHEREAS, Supporters of ranked choice voting seek to eliminate or disempower party primaries; therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mackinac County Republican Party rejects ranked choice voting and similar schemes that increase election distrust, voter suppression, and disenfranchisement, and eliminate the historic political party system, and put elections in the hands of expensive election schemes that cost taxpayers and depend exclusively on them, confusing technology and unelected bureaucrats to manage it; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mackinac County Republican Party calls on Congress, state legislatures, and voters to oppose ranked choice voting in every locality and level of government and return elections to easier systems that have worked for centuries for fair and transparent elections.

The Mackinac County Republican Party

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