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**BYLAWS OF THE
MONROE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

The Republican Committee of Monroe County, New York has adopted the following bylaws and rules for its organization and governance.

ARTICLE 1

MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARTY

Section 1.01 **General**

The Republican Party of Monroe County (the “Party”) shall be open to all citizens who are duly enrolled to participate in the primary elections of the Party.

ARTICLE 2

THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section 2.01 **Jurisdiction of the County Committee**

The Monroe County Republican Committee (the “County Committee”) shall be the official governing body of the Republican Party, and all of its subdivisions, in the County of Monroe. The Republican Town and City committees in the county (as defined in Article 7) and other Republican organizations operating in the county are formed and exist by authorization of the County Committee.

Section 2.02 **Membership on the County Committee**

The County Committee shall consist of up to four members representing each election district in Monroe County. Members must reside in the assembly district containing the election district they represent, except that a member of the County Committee who, as a result of an alteration of assembly district lines, no longer resides within such assembly district may continue to serve for the balance of his or her term. Members shall be elected by Party members at biennial primary elections held in odd numbered years and shall hold office until the next primary election at which members of the County Committee are elected, or until their resignation, or removal pursuant to Article 6.

Section 2.03 **Vacancies**

Vacancies in the County Committee may be filled by the Executive Committee (as defined in Article 4, and hereinafter referred to as the “Executive Committee”), upon recommendation of the Town or City Leader, or by the County Committee at any meeting. Members appointed by the Executive Committee within ninety (90) days before a meeting of the County Committee shall not have a vote at that meeting and shall first be able to vote after the adjournment of that meeting. Members appointed by the Executive Committee within ninety (90) days before a mini-convention (as described in Article 9) shall not have a vote at that mini-convention, unless between their

appointment and the mini-convention there has been a meeting of the County Committee. Members appointed at a meeting of the County Committee shall first be able to vote after the adjournment of that meeting.

Section 2.04 Organization Meeting

A biennial organization meeting shall be held after the primary election at which members of the County Committee were elected. The Chair of the outgoing County Committee shall fix the time and place of the meeting of the newly elected County Committee members, provided that such meeting shall occur within twenty (20) days after the primary election at which the new Committee members were elected. The organization meeting shall be held for the purpose of electing officers and conducting other business as may be necessary, including the filling of vacancies. The Chair of the outgoing County Committee shall preside at the organization meeting until the Chair of the new County Committee is elected.

Section 2.05 Notice of Organization Meeting

Notice of the time and place of the organization meeting shall be served by mailing a Notice of Meeting to each member of the County Committee not less than five (5) days before the meeting. Notices shall be addressed to each member at his or her address as it appears on the records of the Monroe County Board of Elections.

Section 2.06 Endorsing Conventions

Endorsing conventions of the County Committee shall be called by the Chair as necessary for the purpose of endorsing candidates. Notice of endorsing conventions must be mailed by the Secretary to each member not less than ten (10) days before such meeting, except that in the event of an emergency so declared by the Chair, notice may be given by public announcement in newspapers of general circulation not less than 24 hours before the meeting. Where practicable, all endorsing conventions must be held at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day that designating petitions may legally be signed. If an endorsement is not duly made at an endorsement convention, it shall be made thereafter by the Executive Committee.

Section 2.07 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the County Committee may be called by:

- (1) the Chair;
- (2) by a petition signed by members of the Executive Committee holding more than fifty percent (50%) of the weighted vote thereon;
or
- (3) upon a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the County Committee members representing at least half of the Town and City committees.

Such petitions shall be submitted to the Secretary. Special meetings must be held not less than ten days nor more than forty-five (45) days after being called or from the date of receipt of any such petition. Notice of special meetings must be mailed by the Secretary to each member not less than ten (10) days before such meeting. Notices must state the business to be brought before the meeting. Upon the failure of the Secretary to deliver notice as provided herein, notice may be given by any five (5) members of the Executive Committee acting jointly.

Section 2.08 Proxies

Proxies, whether written or otherwise, shall not be allowed at meetings of the County Committee or of the Executive Committee.

Section 2.09 Quorum and Attendees

At all meetings of the County Committee a quorum will exist if persons holding at least ten percent (10%) of the vote are present. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may Transact business thereafter until its adjournment irrespective of the number present thereafter. Unless otherwise provided in these bylaws, all matters before the County Committee will be approved upon majority weighted vote of those present. Meetings will be open to attendance by all Party members.

Section 2.10 Weighted Vote

Each member of the County Committee shall have a vote equal to the number of Republican votes cast for the last Republican candidate for Governor in his respective election district, divided by the number of duly elected or appointed members of the County Committee in that election district. If the election district which such member represents was created or changed since the last election for governor, then the member's vote shall equal the number of Party votes cast for member of assembly, or in the event the election district was created or changed since the last election for member of assembly, then the member's vote shall be equal to party enrollment in that district, divided by the number of duly elected or appointed members of the County Committee in the election district. The Republican Commissioner of Elections shall file with the Secretary a list of each County Committee member's weighted vote.

Section 2.11 Voting and Certification

All votes taken to elect officers of the County Committee shall be by secret ballot, unless an election is uncontested, in which case upon motion from the floor the election may be by voice vote. All other votes before the County Committee shall be upon voice vote unless a secret ballot shall be requested by one-third (1/3) or more of the Committee members present indicating by standing in order to seek a secret ballot, upon motion duly made and seconded. The Republican Commissioner of Elections, or the Commissioner's designee, or in the absence of such designee a designee of the Chair, shall officiate at the counting and certification of votes in a secret ballot.

Section 2.12 Credentials

The Chair and Executive Committee shall appoint a Credentials Committee, and take any other actions they deem necessary and appropriate, to insure that only votes by qualified persons

shall be counted. Each member of the County Committee shall report to the Credentials Committee to certify his .or her presence.

Section 2.13 Conduct of Meetings

The presiding officer of a meeting of the County Committee shall have power to limit debate or discussion on any question by time and number of speakers, to limit the number or duration of seconding speeches for any candidate and otherwise to determine questions of procedure of the meeting not inconsistent with law or these bylaws, having due regard for fairness and limitations on the time available for the completion of the business of the meeting. Where not inconsistent with these bylaws, the bylaws of the New York State Republican Committee and State or Federal Law, Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

Section 2.14 Order of Business

The order of business at meetings of the County Committee shall be as follows:

1. Call of Roll or Credentials Check
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Election of Officers
4. Endorsement of Candidates
5. Amendment of Bylaws
6. New Business
7. Filling of Vacancies
8. Adjournment

ARTICLE 3

OFFICERS OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section 3.01 Elected Officers

At its organization meeting the County Committee shall elect a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. No person may hold more than one of the offices of Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer at the same time. Once elected at an organization meeting the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve until new officers are elected at the organization meeting of the next succeeding County Committee or until their resignation, or removal pursuant to Article 6. Elected officers shall be enrolled voters of the Party residing in Monroe County but need not be County Committee members.

Section 3.02 Appointed Officer

The Chair shall have the authority to appoint an Executive Vice Chair and up to four additional Vice Chairs and those additional officers and assistants the Chair believes are necessary and appropriate for the efficient conduct of the Party's affairs. The Chair shall also have the authority to appoint a Counsel and such Deputy Counsel as the Chair believes are necessary and appropriate. Appointed officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair and shall be enrolled voters of the Party residing in Monroe County but need not be County Committee members. Chair

Section 3.03 The Chair

shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and of the Executive Committee and shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the County Committee. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, the Chair shall appoint the members of all subcommittees of the County Committee, and shall be a member ex-officio of all subcommittees. The Chair shall have the authority to appoint, terminate and fix the compensation of all personnel and employees of the County Committee, except that the Chair's compensation shall be fixed by the Finance and Budget Committee. The Chair shall approve all disbursements made on behalf of the County Committee. The Chair's prior approval shall be required for any solicitation of funds on behalf of the County Committee.

Section 3.04 Vice Chairs

The Executive Vice Chair shall preside at all meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee in the absence of the Chair and shall act as and possess the powers of the Chair in the absence or disability of the Chair. The Executive Vice Chair and any other Vice Chairs shall also perform such duties as requested by the Chair.

Section 3.05 Secretary

The Secretary shall take and maintain minutes of the County Committee and the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall be responsible for the timely notification of members for meetings of the County Committee and the Executive Committee and shall otherwise generally perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary.

Section 3.06 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the County Committee, keep books of account and records of all receipts and disbursements, deposit all monies as may be directed by the Executive Committee and shall otherwise generally perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer. The Treasurer shall file all necessary reports with the County and State Boards of Elections.

Section 3.07 Counsel

The Counsel to the County Committee shall serve as Chief Legal Counsel and Parliamentarian to the County Committee and the Executive Committee. The Counsel and all Deputy Counsel shall be attorneys duly admitted to practice law in the State of New York.

Section 3.08 Vacancies

Upon the death, disability, disqualification, enrollment in another party, removal from office or resignation of the Chair, the County Committee shall hold a special meeting not less than ten (10) nor more than forty-five (45) days after the date of such vacancy to elect a new Chair. The Executive Vice Chair shall assume the responsibilities of the Chair in any period between such vacancy and the election of a new Chair. Vacancies in the offices of Secretary or Treasurer may be filled by vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4

COMMITTEES OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE

Section 4.01 Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee of the County Committee, which shall act on behalf of and possess and exercise all the rights, privileges, powers, and duties of the County Committee between meetings of the County Committee, except that the Executive Committee may not amend these bylaws, or elect a new Chair. The Executive Committee shall meet periodically at the call of the Chair or upon request of any ten members, provided that it shall meet not less than eight times per year with each meeting held within ninety (90) days after the previous meeting.

Section 4.02 Membership of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall include the following persons:

1. Chair of the County Committee
2. All Vice Chairs of the County Committee
3. Treasurer of the County Committee
4. Secretary of the County Committee
5. Counsel to the County Committee
6. The leader of each Town and City Committee in Monroe County
7. One Republican Town Supervisor, chosen by the Republican Town Supervisors in Monroe County
8. All Republican countywide elected non-judicial officials
9. All Republican members of the New York State Assembly or Senate who reside in Monroe County
10. All Republican members of the United States Congress or Senate who reside in Monroe County

11. One Republican member of the Monroe County Legislature, chosen by the Republican County Legislators
12. The President of the Monroe County Republican Womens' Federation
13. The President of the Monroe County Young Republicans
14. The Republican Commissioner of the Monroe County Board of Elections
15. All members of the Republican State Committee residing in Monroe County
16. Not more than 10 At Large members, appointed by the Chair, who must be members of the Party.

Section 4.03 Alternates to Executive Committee

Town and City committee leaders may designate an alternate to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee in their absence, provided that such designation must be in writing if the alternate is to vote in place of the member. In the case of all other members of the Executive Committee, alternates shall not be allowed to attend or vote in place of the Executive Committee Member.

Section 4.04 Voting in Executive Committee

Each Town and City committee leader shall have a weighted vote in the Executive Committee. The total of such weighted votes shall be 400. The weighted vote of each leader shall be determined by multiplying the total weighted vote by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction shall be the total Republican Party vote in the leader's town or legislative district for governor in the last preceding gubernatorial election. The denominator of the fraction shall be the total Republican Party vote for governor in Monroe County in such election. If the weighted vote so arrived at of any leader is less than one vote, that leader's vote shall be one vote and the total weighted vote shall be increased accordingly. The Republican Commissioner of Elections shall file with the Secretary a list of each leader's weighted vote. All other members of the Executive Committee shall have one vote, except that if any person serves on the Executive Committee in two voting capacities, he or she shall be entitled to cast a vote from only one capacity. Unless a higher number is specified in these bylaws, all matters placed before the Executive Committee shall be approved by a majority of the total weighted vote (which shall mean the weighted vote of the Town and City leaders as described above together with the vote of the other members of the Executive Committee) cast by members in attendance. Except as provided in Section 4.03, above, members may not give a proxy of their vote. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall exist with members holding one-third (1/3) of the votes eligible to be cast in attendance.

Section 4.05 Other Committees

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, the Chair shall have the authority to appoint committees and chairpersons of those committees, to perform such duties as are necessary and appropriate for the benefit of the Party. Members of committees, except for the Executive

Committee and as otherwise provided in these bylaws, shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair and need not be members of the County Committee. Standing committees shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Budget and Finance, Bylaws, Ethics and Judicial Screening.

Section 4.06 Committee Operations

All committees may meet upon 24 hours or greater notice to the members, or upon shorter notice if all members agree to the shorter period. Any one or more members of a committee may participate in a meeting of such committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time, if such equipment is reasonably available.

ARTICLE 5

FINANCES

Section 5.01 Budget and Finance Committee

The County Committee shall have a Budget and Finance Committee. The Budget and Finance Committee shall have seven (7) members, as follows: the Treasurer of the County Committee, three (3) members chosen from members of the Executive Committee by vote of the Executive Committee, provided that one shall be a leader of one of the East Side town committees, one shall be a leader of one of the City of Rochester committees, and one shall be a leader of a West Side town committee. The remaining three members of the Budget and Finance Committee, including the committee chair, shall be appointed by the Chair. Members shall serve one-year terms to commence on January 1.

Section 5.02 Budget

The Treasurer shall assist the Chair in preparing, and the Chair shall submit a detailed annual operating budget to the Budget and Finance Committee. The budget shall include those revenues and expenses arising from the operation of the County Committee, except for campaign expenses, described below. The Budget and Finance Committee shall either approve the budget as submitted or shall make such changes as it deems necessary. Upon majority vote approving a budget, it shall be reported by the Budget and Finance Committee to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall approve an annual budget by January 1 of each year. The Treasurer shall make a report to the Executive Committee at least quarterly regarding budget performance.

Section 5.03 Campaign Expenses

Cash campaign expenses not in excess of:

- (a) \$5,000 per candidate per election for single-candidate expenses, or
- (b) \$15,000 per class of office per election For expenses benefitting multiple candidates, may be approved by the Chair.

Expenditures in excess of these amounts can be made only after the proposed amount is reported at a duly convened meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, which may disapprove the expenditure by majority vote. The \$5,000 and \$15,000 amounts will be adjusted annually from 1991 to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as reported by the federal government.

Section 5.04 **Audit**

An annual audit shall be made of the County Committee by an independent auditor who shall be a Certified Public Accountant. The audit report shall be presented to the Budget and Finance Committee within 120 days of the end of the fiscal year. The audit report shall be available upon request to any member of the Executive Committee.

Section 5.05 **Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the County Committee shall commence on January 1.

Section 5.06 **Borrowing**

The Party shall not undertake any borrowing or pledging of the assets of the Party unless the Chair, the Treasurer and the Budget and Finance Committee have approved such borrowing or pledging by written resolution. The Executive Committee shall be notified of any such approvals at its next meeting.

ARTICLE 6

REMOVAL OF COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR OFFICERS

Section 6.01 **Convening a Hearing**

Any County Committee member or the Chair, Secretary or Treasurer of the County Committee may be removed by the County Committee for disloyalty to the party or corruption in office after notice is given and a hearing upon written charges has been conducted. The hearing shall be held by a Special Committee composed of members of the Executive Committee. In the case of any member of the County Committee other than the Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Special Committee shall be composed of an odd number of no less than three nor more than nine members who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair, and the hearing shall be brought at the request of the Chair. In the case of a hearing regarding the Chair, Secretary or Treasurer, the Special Committee shall be composed of the entire Executive Committee and the hearing shall be brought at the request of an affirmative vote of two-thirds or more of the total weighted vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 6.02 **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Article, the term:

- (a) “disloyalty” shall include, but not be limited to, a failure of a member to participate in party activities for over eight months, or other failure to perform substantially the duties of office, or enrollment in another party, or a public endorsement of a

candidate running against a nominated Republican candidate, and shall exclude honest differences of opinion.

- (b) “notice” means a written statement of the charges or issues of concern, along with the date, time and location of the hearing, either hand-delivered to the officer or committee member in question or mailed, regular and certified mail (return receipt requested), to the last address listed in the records of the County Committee for the officer or committee member in question, at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Notice by mail shall be effective when mailed, regardless of receipt.
- (c) “corruption” shall include, but not be limited to, the taking or omitting of any act regarding or relating to the Party or any of its committees for money or other personal material benefit.

Section 6.03 Hearing Procedure

- (a) The hearing shall be conducted at Party head-quarters or at another place mutually agreed upon by the parties. Counsel to the Party or Counsel’s designee shall present the testimony, evidence and argument supporting the charges to the Special Committee. The officer or committee member responding to the charges, or his counsel, shall have an opportunity to cross-examine any witnesses, and present any relevant testimony, evidence and written or oral argument in response.
- (b) The Special Committee, however, may take all reasonable measures to minimize repetitive, tangential or speculative testimony, evidence or argument. The Special Committee shall rule upon all requests, set the time and place of the hearing and recesses and adjournments, hear and determine arguments, and take any measures necessary for maintaining order and the efficiency of the conduct of the hearing. The Special Committee may, at its discretion, allow another County Committee member to give testimony or present evidence in support of or in opposition to the charges. The Special Committee may appoint a chair to act on procedural matters, including objections, but shall take action on all substantive matters, including appointment of a chair and determination of the charges, by majority vote, which shall not be weighted.

Section 6.04 Record

The hearing may be stenographically recorded at the requesting party’s expense. The stenographer shall be selected by Party Counsel or his designee. A copy of any stenographic transcript of the hearing shall be given to all parties, and one copy to the Special Committee, at the cost of the party requesting the stenographic record. The party requesting the stenographic record shall make an advance deposit to the Treasurer of the estimated cost of the transcript (to be determined by the stenographer).

Section 6.05 Evidence and Burden of Proof

All evidence, testimony and argument presented must be relevant. However, other legal rules of evidence need not be strictly applied by the Special Committee during the hearing. Hearsay evidence may be admitted if a reasonable degree of reliability is shown. Each witness shall be sworn, or make an affirmation as to the veracity of the testimony offered, before testifying. The burden of proof is on Counsel to the Party with respect to the charges. The standard of proof shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.

Section 6.06 Special Committee's Decision

All determinations of the Special Committee shall be made upon consideration of the entire hearing presentation and record. The final recommendation of the Special Committee shall be in writing and be made within fifteen (15) days after the official close of the hearing and reported promptly to the Executive Committee. A copy of the Special Committee's recommendation shall be sent to the officer or committee member in question by certified mail within ten (10) days of decision.

Section 6.07 Final Determination

The Executive Committee shall make a final determination of the charges by unweighted vote within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Special Committee's recommendation. A copy of the Executive Committee's final determination shall be sent to the officer or committee member in question by certified mail within ten (10) days of the decision.

ARTICLE 7

TOWN AND CITY COMMITTEES

Each Town Committee shall consist of the members of the County Committee residing within the Town. There shall also exist such City of Rochester Committees (City Committees) as the Executive Committee may from time to time establish, consisting of members of the County Committee representing the election districts within the geographical area of the respective City Committees.

Each Town and City Committee in the county will meet to organize within fifteen (15) days after each biennial primary election at which they were elected. Such meeting shall be called by the leader of the outgoing committee or in his or her absence, or failure to act, by the County Chair.

Section 7.02 Membership of Town and City Committees: Election of Deputy County Committee Members

At the Town or City Committee organization meeting described above, and from time to time thereafter at the discretion of the Town or City Committee as then constituted, the committee may, by majority vote of those present, elect any enrolled Republican voter who resides in the political subdivision as a Deputy Town or City Committee member. The members of the County Committee residing in each such political subdivision together with those additional persons as

they may elect as Deputy Town or City Committee members shall constitute the respective Town and City Committees. Deputy committee members will serve terms ending upon the following biennial primary day at which County Committee members are elected, but may be removed earlier at any time, with or without cause, by majority vote of those present of their Town or City Committee. Deputy committee members may attend meetings of the County Committee, but shall have no vote. The secretary of the Town or City Committee shall file a list of all newly-elected Deputy committee members, together with their addresses and telephone numbers, with the Secretary of the County Committee within five (5) days of the election of the Deputy committee members.

Section 7.03 Meetings

Town and City Committees shall hold regular meetings not less than six (6) times per year. The leader shall call all regular meetings. Notice of regular meetings shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance. The Town or City leader or chair may call emergency meetings of the committee upon not less than 24 hours' notice delivered by telephone or personally delivered to committee members. Special meetings shall be held upon the petition of 25 Percent (25%) of the members of the committee delivered to the secretary of the committee, or in his or her absence, to the Secretary of the County Committee. If held upon request by petition, a special meeting shall be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days from the date the petition is delivered. Notice of meetings shall also be given to Headquarters within the prescribed time.

Section 7.04 Town and City Leaders

Each Town and City Committee shall elect a leader who shall be responsible for the conduct of Party affairs in that political subdivision and who shall sit on the County Executive Committee. The leader must be a member of the Town or City Committee but need not be a member of the County Committee. Town and City leaders shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair.

Section 7.05 Bylaws

The affairs of a Town or City Committee shall be governed by that committee's bylaws, which shall be consistent with New York State and Federal law, the bylaws of the New York State Republican Committee, and any model bylaws approved by the County Executive Committee. Bylaws and any amendments thereto shall be filed within five (5) days of adoption with the Secretary of the County Committee and shall become effective upon written approval by the Chair of the County Committee. Upon approval the bylaws and any amendments shall be filed with the county Board of Elections.

Section 7.06 Replacement of Leader

Notice of replacement of a Town or City leader shall be made in writing by the Chair and shall be effective upon delivery of such notice to the person to be replaced or, if he or she cannot be located, to any two other officers of the Town or City committee. Immediately upon such notice, the committee deputy leader (or chairman if there is no deputy leader) shall assume the duties of the leader during an interim period not greater than sixty (60) days, during which a meeting of the entire committee shall be held to elect a new leader. The person replaced by the County Chair may not be elected to the same office within one (1) year of replacement. In the event that a new leader

is not elected within the sixty (60) day period, the County Chair may appoint a leader from among the members of the Town or City Committee. The new leader shall serve at the pleasure of the County Chair.

ARTICLE 8

CANDIDATE INFORMATION MEETINGS

Section 8.01 General

Each Town and City Committee shall hold one or more meetings for the purpose of presenting to their respective committees such Party candidates as have voiced an interest in seeking an office which includes 'that political subdivision or a part thereof. Candidates for offices representing two or more political subdivisions shall notify the Chair of the County Committee of their candidacy.

Candidates for offices wholly contained within a political subdivision of Monroe County shall notify the secretary of the respective Town or City Committee. Appropriate meetings shall then be scheduled by each committee in advance of the Executive Committee meeting, county endorsing convention, or Town or City committee meeting at which the Party endorsement is to be made.

ARTICLE 9

DESIGNATIONS. NOMINATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS

Section 9.01 General

Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, the rules of the New York State Republican Committee, or the election law, designations, nominations and endorsements shall be made as provided in this Article.

Section 9.02 Town and Village Offices

Endorsements of candidates for Town offices shall be made by unweighted vote of the respective Town Committees. Endorsements for Village offices shall be made by unweighted vote of the County Committee members representing the election districts contained within such Village. Designations and nominations of Party candidates for town and village offices shall be made in the manner prescribed in the Election Law.

Section 9.03 Monroe County Offices

Where the district of the office to be filled is entirely within the County of Monroe and includes the entire county, the endorsement shall be made by the County Committee at the endorsing convention, or otherwise, as provided in Section 2.06. Designations for such offices shall be made by designating petitions as provided in the election law.

Section 9.04 Multi-County Offices

Where the district of the office to be filled is partly within and partly without the County of Monroe, the endorsement on behalf of the Monroe County Republican Party shall be made by mini-convention as described in Section 9.05 below. The Chair, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall meet with other county committee chairs for the purpose of endorsing candidates for the Supreme Court, Seventh Judicial District. Designations for all such offices shall be made by designating petition as provided in the election law, except that Supreme Court candidates shall be nominated at the Judicial Convention as provided in the election law.

Section 9.05 Other Offices: Mini-Conventions

In every other case not described above, endorsements shall be made by a majority of the members of the County Committee representing the district concerned, present at a meeting at which there is a quorum, which shall consist of one-fourth of such members. Such a “mini-convention” shall be organized by a sub-committee appointed by the Chair, and members shall vote by weighted vote in the same manner as described in Section 2.10. Voting shall be by secret ballot unless an open ballot shall be requested by a simple majority of committee members present and voting. Voting in uncontested endorsements shall be by voice vote. Designations for such offices shall be made by designating petition as provided in the election law.

Section 9.06 Miscellaneous

A vacancy in a nomination made at a primary shall be filled by such Party committee as designated by the Chair. A vacancy in a nomination made by a tie vote at a primary shall be filled by vote of the Executive Committee. Nominations for offices to be filled at a special election shall be made in a manner prescribed by vote of the Executive Committee, except where prescribed by the Bylaws of the New York State Republican Committee.

ARTICLE 10

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS

Section 10.01 General

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of members of the County Committee, Town and City Committees and of other committees and entities of the Party shall be available to Party members upon request solely for use for Party purposes or activities. No information regarding committee members may be disclosed for any other purpose, whether commercial or otherwise, without the member’s written consent.

ARTICLE 11

AMENDMENTS

Section 11.01 General

These bylaws may be amended by majority weighted vote of the County Committee members present at a meeting at which there is a quorum, provided that a copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent with the notice of the meeting at which such amendment is to be proposed, such notice to be mailed not less than five (5) days before such meeting to the post office address of each member of the County Committee. At any such meeting, amendments to the proposed amendments which are germane to the subject of the proposed amendment may be made and the proposed amendment, as amended, may be passed at such meeting.

Section 11.02 Election Law Changes

If any provision of the New York Election Law is amended in a manner which affects these bylaws, that provision of the bylaws shall be deemed to be amended accordingly.

Section 11.03 Severability

If any provision of these bylaws is found to be illegal or unconstitutional, all other provisions of these bylaws shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 12

EFFECTIVE DATE AND CONTINUING EFFECT

Section 12.01 General

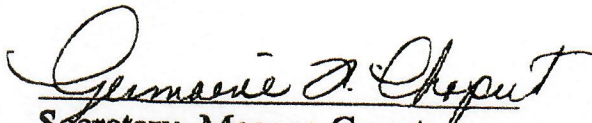
These rules shall be effective immediately upon their adoption and shall continue to be the rules of each successive County Committee hereafter elected until repealed or superseded.

**AMENDMENT TO THE MONROE COUNTY REPUBLICAN
COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

Amendment to Article 9, Section 9.02 of the Bylaws of the Monroe County Republican Committee -- Section 9.02: Town and Village Offices. The current section states: "Designations and nominations of Party candidates for Town and Village offices shall be made in the manner prescribed in the Election Law."

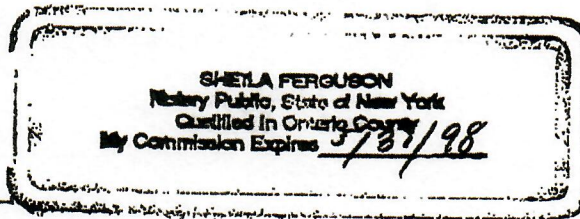
The amended section shall state: "Designations and nominations of Party candidates for Town and Village offices shall be made at the Primary Election preceding the General Election, unless a Town Committee in its Bylaws specifically provides for designation and nomination by caucus."

This resolution and amendment to the Bylaws of the Monroe County Republican Committee was adopted at a County Convention of the Monroe County Republican Committee on May 7, 1998 in Rochester, New York.

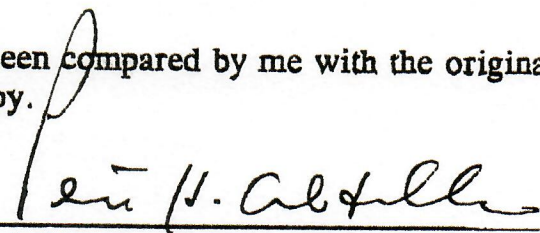

Secretary, Monroe County
Republican Committee

Sworn to before me on
this 7th day of May, 1998


Notary Public



I hereby certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original and found to be a true and complete copy.


Counsel, Monroe County Republican Committee