## OFFICIAL CALL March 18, 2024 Mass Meeting Wythe County Republican Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia

As Chairman of the Wythe County Republican Committee, and pursuant to the Plan of Organization and as recommended and directed by the Committee, I, James D. Smith, do hereby issue this call for a Mass Meeting to be held at Wythe County Circuit Court Building 225 S 4<sup>th</sup> St. Wytheville, VA 24382, starting at 6:30pm local time (with registration opening at 5:30pm on Maech 18, 2024) for the following purposes:

- 1. To reorganize and elect a unit chair for the Wythe County Republican Unit.
- Electing Delegates and Alternates to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention, to be held on Friday, May 31, 2024 and Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Dr., Hampton VA 23666, or its alternate site, opening at 2:30 p.m. on May 31 for the purposes of:
  - a. electing a State Chairman,
  - b. nominating a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman,
  - c. nominating 2 electors at-large to serve in the 2024 Electoral College, and
  - d. the transaction of other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote per 250 Republican votes cast for Governor and President at their last election, so that Wythe County is entitled to 85 Delegate Votes;

- Electing Delegates and Alternates to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention, to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Wytheville Meeting Center, 333 Community Blvd., Wytheville, VA 24382, or its alternate site, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (with registration from 8:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.) for the purposes of:
  - a. electing a District Chairman,
  - b. electing 3 members to the State Central Committee,
  - c. nominating 1 elector to serve in the 2024 Electoral College, and
  - d. the transaction of other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Each unit is entitled to one (1) Delegate Vote per 250 Republican votes cast for Governor and President at their last election, so that Wythe County is entitled to 85 Delegate Votes;

4. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the mass meeting.

#### **Qualifications for Participation**

All legal and qualified voters of Wythe County under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of race, religion, national origin or sex, who are in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and who, if requested, express in open meeting either orally or in writing as may be required, their intent to support all of its nominees for public office in the ensuing election, may participate as members of the Republican Party of Virginia in its mass meetings, party canvasses, conventions or primaries encompassing their respective election districts. In addition to the foregoing, to be in accord with the principles of the Republican Party, unless otherwise stipulated by the appropriate Official Committee, a person otherwise qualified hereunder shall not have participated in Virginia in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party within the last five years.

A single exception to this shall be approved for a voter that renounces affiliation with any other party in writing, and who expresses in writing that he/she is in accord with the principles of the Republican Party and intends, at the time of this writing, to support the nominees of the Republican Party in the future. Any voter that utilizes the forgoing exception, and thereafter participates in the nomination process of a party other than the Republican Party, shall not have the benefit of the exception thereafter.

## Filing Requirements

Candidates for election for unit chair Members of the Wythe County Republican Committee, or as a delegate or alternate delegate to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention and/or the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention at said mass meeting shall file a written statement by mail at Wythe County Republican Unit P.O. Box 1236 Wytheville Va 24360, email or in person, to James D. Smith at Jds85375@yahoo.com or Mike Jones at inhocmike@yahoo.com, which must be received not later than 5pm on March 2, 2024.

Official filing forms are available by contacting James D Smith at 276-617-0770 or email request to <u>Jds85375@yahoo.com</u>

Candidacy filing fees are as follows:

- Unit Chairman No filing fee.
- Delegate/Alternate Delegate to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention \$45.00 registration fee (mandatory).
- Delegate/Alternate Delegate to the Ninth District Republican Convention \$10.00 registration fee (mandatory).

Please make checks payable to the Wythe County Republican Committee.

### Uncontested Offices/Cancellation of Mass Meeting

If no more than one candidate files for election to any office to be voted upon at the mass meeting, that candidate will be declared elected. If fewer than the maximum number of unit committee members that Wythe County Republican Committee has established pre-file, all properly pre-filed candidates shall be declared elected to the applicable unit committee membership position. If fewer than the maximum number of Delegates that Wythe County is entitled to at any convention pre-file, all properly pre-filed candidates shall be declared elected. If there are no contested offices to be voted upon at the mass meeting, then no mass meeting will be held.

# Registration Fees for Mass Meeting & Convention

There will be a No registration fee to participate in the Wythe County Republican Committee Mass Meeting.

There is a mandatory registration fee of \$45.00 for each delegate/alternate delegate elected to the Republican Party of Virginia State Convention. Please make checks payable to the Wythe County Republican Committee, which will forward the registration fee to the Republican Party of Virginia.

There is a mandatory registration fee of \$10.00 for each delegate/alternate delegate elected to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention. Fees are requested to be paid at the time of filing for election as a Delegate. Please make checks payable to the Wythe County Republican Committee, which will forward the registration fee to the Ninth Congressional District Republican Convention.

Paid for and authorized by the Wythe County Republican Committee James D. Smith, Chairman 276-617-0770 Jds85375@yahoo.com