

The Republican Party  
 *of Sacramento County*

Betsy Graves Mahan, Chair

**PROPOSED** RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE KEEP NINE AMENDMENT  
TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution provides no specific instruction for the number of justices that constitute the Supreme Court of the United States;

WHEREAS, for over 150 years, the Supreme Court has consisted of nine justices;

WHEREAS, during the nation's history Congress has changed the number of justices, both increasing and decreasing, seven times prior to 1870 for the purpose of gaining political advantage;

WHEREAS, the practice of "packing the court" for political advantage greatly decreases confidence that the Supreme Court exists as an essential element of America's system of checks and balances, which guarantees and protects a citizen's constitutional rights;

WHEREAS, many House Democrats recently introduced a bill to add four justices via the 2021 Judiciary Act;

WHEREAS, in order to prohibit a future Congress or President from manipulating the number of Supreme Court justices for political advantage, more than 200 Members of the U.S. House and Senate have endorsed the Keep Nine Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which simply states: "The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine Justices";

WHEREAS a bipartisan total of more than 1000 state and federal elected officials have now endorsed the Keep Nine Amendment;

WHEREAS national support for the Keep Nine Amendment includes the Republican National Committee, National Federation of Republican Women, California Federation of Republican Women, Freedom Works, My Faith Votes, Eagle Forum, Tea Party Patriots, American Legislative Exchange Council and Americans for Limited Government; and

WHEREAS, recent polls have shown that voters support a "Keep Nine Amendment" by more than a 2-1 margin;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento County Republican Party urges the support and enactment of the "Keep Nine Amendment to the United States Constitution".