IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

JOHN ROBERT SMITH, SHIRLEY HALL AND GENE WALKER

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:01-cv-855-HTW-DCB

DELBERT HOSEMANN, Secretary of State of Mississippi; JIM HOOD, Attorney General for the State of Mississippi; HAYLEY BARBOUR, Governor of the State of Mississippi; MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; and, MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

and

VS.

BEATRICE BRANCH, RIMS BARBER, L.C. DORSEY, DAVID RULE, JAMES WOODWARD, JOSEPH P. HUDSON and ROBERT NORVEL

CONSOLIDATED WITH

KELVIN BUCK, ET AL.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:11-cv-717-HTW-LRA

HALEY BARBOUR, ET AL.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S JOINDER IN THE MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S <u>RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO AMEND</u>

Mississippi Secretary of State Michael Watson joins in the Mississippi Republican Party

Executive Committee's ("MREC") response to the Buck plaintiffs' motion to amend, Doc. 198,

and hereby adopts and incorporates the arguments set forth in the MREC's response and

supporting memorandum.

Dated: June 17, 2022

PLAINTIFFS

INTERVENORS

DEFENDANTS

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Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL WATSON, Secretary of State of Mississippi

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, William Trey Jones, III hereby certify that I electronically filed the above and foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

Dated: June 17, 2022

/s/ William Trey Jones, III