**Platform of the States Rights Democratic Party**  
*August 14, 1948*

Unanimously Adopted at Oklahoma City, August 14, 1948

1. We believe that the Constitution of the United States is the greatest charter of human liberty ever conceived by the mind of man.
2. We oppose all efforts to invade or destroy the rights guaranteed by it to every citizen of this republic.
3. [We stand for the rights of citizens and their individual states.] We oppose the totalitarian, centralized bureaucratic government and the police nation called for by the platforms adopted by the Democratic and Republican Conventions.
4. We stand for the segregation of the races and the racial integrity of each race; the constitutional right to choose one's associates… We oppose the elimination of segregation… We favor home-rule, local self-government and a minimum interference with individual rights.
5. We oppose and condemn the action of the Democratic Convention in sponsoring a civil rights program calling for the elimination of segregation… [We also oppose] regulations of private employment practices, voting, and local law enforcement.
6. [We believe that the] enforcement of such a program would be utterly destructive of the social, economic and political life of the Southern people, and of other localities in which there may be differences in race, creed or national origin in appreciable numbers.
7. We stand for the check and balances provided by the three departments of our government…
8. [We demand that the government gives power back to the people.] …We call upon all Democrats and upon all other loyal Americans who are opposed to totalitarianism at home and abroad to unite with us in…defeating Harry S. Truman, Thomas E. Dewey and every other candidate for public office who would establish a Police Nation in the United States of America.
9. We, therefore, urge that this Convention endorse the candidacies of J. Strom Thurmond and Fielding H. Wright for the President and Vice-president, respectively, of the United States of America.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

Wm. H. MURRAY JOHN STEEL BATSON

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OTHER OFFICERS ELECTED

ROSS LILLARD, President

CHUCK HERD, Vice-President

MRS. RUTH LACKEY, Secretary