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**• PETITION FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE •
TO AMEND THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION**

We, the undersigned citizens and qualified electors of the State of Mississippi, respectfully direct that this petition and the proposed measure known as Initiative Measure No. 37, entitled

Should the Mississippi Constitution be amended to designate "Colonel Reb" as the official mascot of the University of Mississippi?

a full, true and correct copy of which is printed or attached to this petition, be transmitted to the Legislature of the State of Mississippi at its next ensuing regular session, and we respectfully petition the Legislature to adopt the proposed measure; and each of us for himself or herself says: *"I have personally signed this petition, I am a qualified elector of the State of Mississippi in the city (or town), county, and congressional district written after my name, my residence address is correctly stated and I have knowingly signed this petition only once."*

Ballot Summary

Initiative # 37 would amend the Mississippi Constitution to require "Colonel Reb", in his traditional costumed appearance, to be visible as an active mascot on the sidelines of University of Mississippi athletic events. "Colonel Reb" would be required to be included on every University of Mississippi logo, university athletic uniform and helmet, on every university internet page, on every university yearbook cover and title page, on every university letterhead, and on other specified university publications.

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CERTIFICATE OF PETITION CIRCULATOR:

INSTRUCTIONS: Petition circulators must sign and complete all blanks.

I hereby certify that I am a resident of the State of Mississippi during the time at which this petition is being circulated.

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Sponsored by the Colonel Reb Political Action Committee. Arthur Randallson, Director.

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Petition Circulators must:

- be Mississippi residents.
- make sure that signers from different counties use different pages (only 1 county per page).
- fill in all blanks at the bottom of the front of each page.
- mail signed petitions to: Colonel Reb PAC, P.O. Box 488, Southaven, MS 38671.

Extended Text of Initiative 37:

Upon the passage of this initiative, the Constitution of the State of Mississippi shall be amended to include and incorporate the following text:

“Colonel Reb shall be the official and sole mascot of the University of Mississippi. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the University of Mississippi administration shall ensure that:

- (1) Colonel Reb, in his traditional costumed appearance, shall be visible as an active mascot on the sidelines of every University of Mississippi football and basketball game, in addition to other university athletic events according to precedent;
- (2) Colonel Reb, in his traditional logo appearance, shall be prominently included in every University of Mississippi logo, on every university athletic uniform and football helmet, on every university Internet page, on every university yearbook cover and title page, on every university letterhead, on every university newspaper front page, on every university catalogue and magazine cover, on every university promotional and recruitment publication cover, on every university video and video cover, and on every university diploma;
- (3) Colonel Reb, in his traditional costumed and logo appearances, shall be offered as a merchandise theme for sale in all University of Mississippi merchandise sales venues;
- (4) Colonel Reb’s traditional costumed and logo appearances shall be defined by, and shall accurately and entirely resemble in every feature and characteristic, his standard and classical appearance, as portrayed definitively on the cover of the 1947 University of Mississippi yearbook (the 1947 *Ole Miss*), with the only permissible variations to this appearance being that his trousers and his cane may be either solid white, solid grey, or solid red, and that, in his logo appearance, he may either face towards the right with his cane on the left, or face towards the left with his cane on the right;
- (5) Colonel Reb shall be given by the University of Mississippi the full range of institutional rights and respect that are customarily attributed to time-honored mascots; and
- (6) The University of Mississippi student body shall continue its tradition of annually electing a male student to be honored with the title of Colonel Reb, and annually electing a corresponding female student to be honored with the title of Miss Ole Miss, who shall serve as the ceremonial host and hostess of annual Dixie Week festivities, which shall be arranged by the university’s Associated Student Body to occur throughout one full week in the month of April.”

Revenue Statement:

Implementation of this initiative shall not require any net increase in expenditures by the University of Mississippi or the State of Mississippi. Indeed, the required resumption of public and perpetual selling of Colonel Reb merchandise by the University of Mississippi will enable the university to resume its former profit therefrom. This initiative would not reduce government revenue, and this initiative would not reallocate government revenue or government funding. But, all public or university funds that have been allocated to facilitate a different University of Mississippi mascot or to assist the attempted mascot change shall be reallocated to fund the requirements of this initiative. The funding for the annual Dixie Week festivities shall come from the budget of the University of Mississippi Associated Student Body at the discretion of its voting members, from private donations, and from non-public contributions, such as local and participating businesses.