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ROCK HILL, S.C. – Former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson, the Libertarian Party candidate for president, will bring his message to Winthrop University on Sept. 5.

The event, sponsored by the Winthrop College Libertarians, York County Libertarians and S.C. Libertarian Party, will take place in the Tuttle Dining Room in McBryde Hall.

Johnson served as the Republican governor of New Mexico from 1995-2003. He brought a business-like mentality to governing, believing that decisions should be made based on cost-benefit analysis rather than strict ideology. He is best known for his veto record, which included more than 750 vetoes during his time in office, more than all other governors combined, and earned the nickname “Governor Veto.”

In 2009, after becoming increasingly concerned with the country’s out-of-control national debt and precarious financial situation, Johnson formed the OUR America Initiative, a 501c(4) non-profit that promotes fiscal responsibility, civil liberties, and rational public policy. He traveled to more than 30 states and spoke to more than 150 conservative and libertarian groups during his time as honorary chairman.

An avid skier, adventurer, and bicyclist, Johnson has reached the highest peak on four of the seven continents, including Mt. Everest.

On Sept. 5 at Winthrop, doors will open at 7:30 p.m. with Johnson expected to speak at 8:30 p.m. There will be music and light refreshments.

For more information, contact the Office of the President at 803/323-2225.