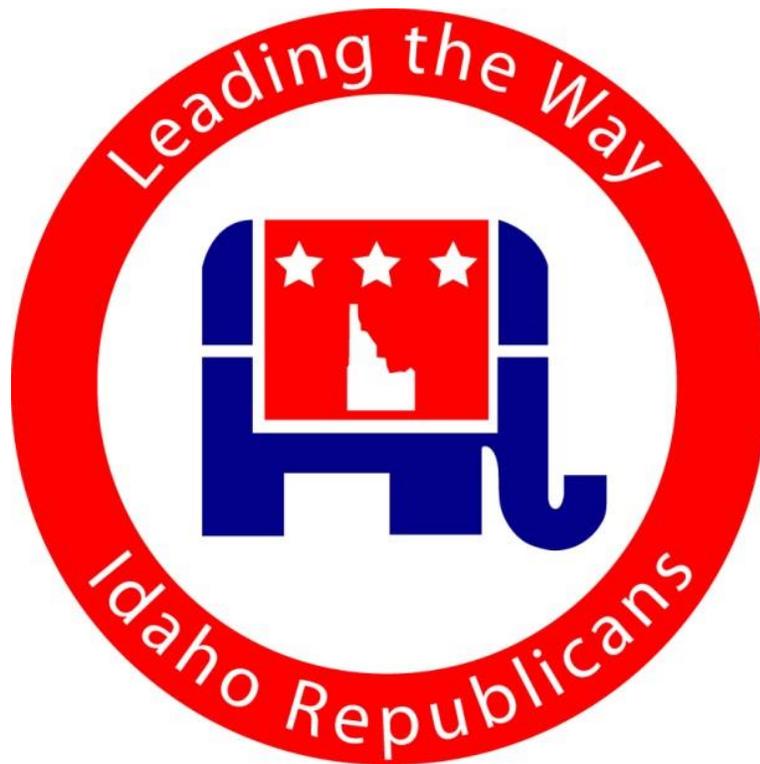


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Resolution 2014-1

Resolution Supporting the Adoption of Immigration Policy

WHEREAS, The Idaho State Republican Platform does not have a policy on Immigration; and

WHEREAS, There are upwards of 11 million illegal aliens in the United States today; and

WHEREAS, The Kootenai County Republican Central Committee (KCRCC) supports legal immigration and appreciates and cherishes the immigrants who have entered the country legally and gained their citizenship through hard work, determination, and appreciation of our way of life and form of government; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC supports the strict enforcement of current laws on illegal immigration with punishment to the full extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC supports securing our borders first against illegal immigrants and potential enemies of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC supports the meeting of legal requirements for citizenship to exclude the provision of “anchor babies”; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC supports a strictly regulated and enforced “guest worker program” and that legal guest workers should assume costs such as education and healthcare for themselves and their dependents; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC supports the elimination of “sanctuary cities” for illegal aliens; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC supports applicants for citizenship having an adequate command of the English language before citizenship is granted; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC OPPOSES amnesty, all immigrants should wait in line together; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC OPPOSES illegal aliens being given the same privileges as U.S. citizens or legal immigrants including entitlements such as Social Security, healthcare, Education and Earned Income Tax Credits even if they or their children have work or student status. Cost must be borne by the non-citizen; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC OPPOSES non-citizens having the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC OPPOSES teaching English as a second language and the tax payer cost of printing such documents; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC OPPOSES any guest worker policy that does not require those individuals currently in the United States illegally to return to their native country or country of choice; and

WHEREAS, the KCRCC OPPOSES a “path to citizenship” that would grant citizenship to any persons who have come to the United States through other than legal channels; therefore, be it

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party State Central Committee’s Resolution Committee approve this resolution and urge the Idaho Republican Party State Central Committee to adopt an immigration plank based on the points contained in this resolution.

Resolution 2014-2

Resolution Supporting Fiscal Accountability and Transparency in Higher Education

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, the controller's office and school districts have transparency software and webpages for public access; and

WHEREAS, both Brandon Woolf and Todd Hatfield believe in transparency based upon their past campaigning and actions; and

WHEREAS, higher education is approximately 12-15% of the state's budget; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's institutions of higher education are reluctant to give specifics when queried about expenditures;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT similar websites be developed and publicly posted for our public institutions of higher education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Idaho's institutions of higher education go through independent management audits of their research and the results be shared with the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT businesses involved in active research with our institutions of higher education be privately polled about their satisfaction with college/university services and have these results shared with the public.

Resolution 2014-3

Resolution Supporting the Second Amendment

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution state “ A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed”; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the US Supreme Court issued a decision officially establishing an individual right to possess a firearm, unconnected to service in a militia, and to use that arm for lawful purposes such as self-defense; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision that limits state and local governments to the same extent that it limits the federal government from infringing on the right to own and carry firearms; and

WHEREAS, a 1994 CDC survey found that Americans use firearms to frighten away intruders approximately 498,000 times per year; and

WHEREAS, a 2000 study published in the Journal of Quantitative Criminology stated that civilians used guns to defend themselves against criminals 989,883 times per year; and

WHEREAS, the city of Washington D.C. initiated and enforced a gun ban from 1976-2008 (when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the law) and during the gun ban period the D.C. murder rate averaged 73% higher than it was at the outset of the law, suggesting gun control actually increased murders there; and

WHEREAS, the city of Chicago instituted a gun ban in 1982, (which was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2010) and during the gun ban period the percentage of Chicago murders committed with handguns averaged 40% higher than it was before the gun ban took effect, suggesting gun control increased murders there against a defenseless population; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party State Central Committee has passed Resolution 2013-21 urging county governments, through their county Republican central committees, to protect the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution to the maximum extent otherwise permitted by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Bonner County Republican Central Committee had requested that the Bonner County Board of Commissioners take the Second Amendment protective action prior to the State Republican meeting being held on the third and fourth of January 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Bonner County Board of Commissioners strongly support the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Bonner County Board of Commissioners strongly encourage the Idaho Governor and State Legislators to enact a statute making it a felony offense for any governmental authority to intentionally and knowingly violate the legal rights of our Citizens as granted under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that through this resolution, the Idaho County Commission hopes to educate those who are afraid of any inanimate object, especially guns; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho County Commission fully supports the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, and numerous U.S. Supreme Court decisions affirming our right to keep and bear arms so as to protect our freedom forever; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the right to possess clips, magazines, ammunition and accessories to operate firearms that have evolved since the ratification of the Second Amendment shall not be infringed.

Resolution 2014-4

Resolution Supporting Free Speech and Due Process Civil Rights in Higher Education

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, a university policy guide, employee handbooks, and student handbooks are contractual matter; and

WHEREAS, it is the job of a university counsel to protect the university or college and not individuals employed there; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has already passed into law a policy to protect their university students with the right to a lawyer; and

WHEREAS, public university employees, professors, and administrators can claim eleventh amendment protections as state employees,

BE IT RESOLVED that students of Idaho's public Institutions of Higher Education will have 1) the right to a lawyer (at their cost) to counter non-academic disciplinary matters and 2) the presence of a lawyer cannot be grounds for an Institution of Higher Education to not negotiate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the process of how university and college policies are developed be included in their policy guides and handbooks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Institution of Higher Education disciplinary process policies, especially retaliation clauses, include specific consequences and punishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Idaho's public Institutions of Higher Education consult with the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education so that speech codes and due process concerns be addressed and corrected in their policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Idaho public university and college policies and regulations will not contradict Idaho State code, especially for the general public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that salary increases and bonuses be withheld from Idaho public university and college presidents, legal counsels, and appropriate vice-presidents with the exception of the incoming University of Idaho President Charles Sabine, if Idaho public university and college policies and regulations contradict Idaho State code.

Resolution 2014-5

Resolution Supporting a New Tax Credit Tuition Scholarship Program

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, Governor Otter, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna are making valiant efforts to reform public schools in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, there is a severe parental choice gap in Idaho where 27% of parents surveyed want their children to attend private school and only 5% currently do; and

WHEREAS, the Platform of the Idaho Republican Party calls for more parental choice while supporting both public and private school options; and

WHEREAS, tax credits for tuition scholarships given to donors of private school scholarships would allow donors to make an immediate impact in lives of children; and

WHEREAS, the revenue lost from a tax credit scholarship program would cost less than the average of cost of each student that taxpayers now fund in the public school system, even if the credit was as high as \$2,000; and

WHEREAS, when scholarships and vouchers have enabled substantial transfers from public to private schools, it has caused educational outcomes to improve for all students because competition causes public schools to step it up.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Idaho Republican Party State Central Committee that the committee supports enactment of a new tax credit tuition scholarship program to help qualifying parents afford to choose private schools for their children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Idaho, Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction, and all the Republican members of the Idaho Legislature.

Resolution 2014-6

Resolution Opposing the Donation of Tax Dollars to Non-Profit Entities

WHEREAS, Idaho law allows elected officials to form private, non-profit entities; and,

WHEREAS, government bodies vote to donate tax dollars to such agencies; and,

WHEREAS, these non-profit entities are generally formed to benefit government; and,

WHEREAS, these non-profit entities are not required to disclose their finances; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Idaho finds it offensive that government funnels tax dollars to the entities so that they can, in effect, lobby for more government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Idaho hereby encourages its members in the Idaho Legislature to introduce such legislation abolishing such practices, or, at a minimum, forcing such non-profit entities that receive any tax dollars whatsoever to be subject to Sunshine Laws.

Resolution 2014-7

Resolution Calling for Repeal of Idaho Health Exchange Law

WHEREAS, we believe “the most effective, responsible, and responsive government is government closest to the people and the sovereignty of the state must be protected” and that “Idahoans must protect the principles and values that have made us strong;” and,

WHEREAS, we believe that our Founding Fathers gave us a government that is a servant of the people not our master and the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations (from preamble of platform) and that Idaho citizens should not be taxed for federally mandated health care; and,

WHEREAS, we oppose socialized medicine and government mandated health insurance (Article XIII. Sec.2A), rather we support a private enterprise health care delivery system that provides cost-effective, quality healthcare with minimal government regulation; and,

WHEREAS, we support freedom of choice and personal responsibility in all medical decisions, including providers and treatments (Article XIII. Sec. 2D); and,

WHEREAS, we believe the primary responsibility for the health and welfare of our citizens resides with the individual and their families (Article XIII. Sec.2C); and,

WHEREAS, “the Idaho Republican Party Platform recommends “that the Idaho Legislature and Governor nullify any and all existing and future unconstitutional federal mandates and laws, funded or unfunded, that infringe on Idaho’s 10th Amendment sovereignty” (Art. I, Sec. 5); and,

WHEREAS, we support the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Healthcare Act in its entirety (Article XIII. Sec.2B); and,

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens to educate themselves in constitutional government and to be full participants in the political process while seeking to “heighten the level of discourse by encouraging all office holders, candidates and citizens to be civil, dignified, honest and forthright in their discussions, actions, statements and processes” (Art. II. Sec. 2); and,

WHEREAS, in the interim period since the adoption of the above items as part of the IDAHO REPUBLICAN PLATFORM on June 23, 2012 we have witnessed abandonment by some Republican elected officials of many of these core principles by approving an IDAHO HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE that is connected to the federal government exchange,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Central Committee direct the Chairman of the committee to strongly request that said Republican elected officials reconsider their responsibilities to the public and the party by supporting REPEAL of the IDAHO HEALTH EXCHANGE LAW.

Resolution 2014-8

Resolution Stating Legislative Findings and Requesting for the Submission of Proposed Land Exchanges to the Legislature for Concurrence or Non-Concurrence

WHEREAS, recent potential land exchanges could have had the State Board of Land Commissioners undermining county commissioners and assessors; and,

WHEREAS, these proposed land exchanges would have caused unwanted tax losses to counties and lessened county bonding capabilities; and,

WHEREAS, appraisals commissioned by the State Board of Land Commissioners and county assessments have differed a great deal; and,

WHEREAS, lakefront properties with cabins have posed many legal and political headaches for the State Board of Land Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Idaho has constitutional oversight responsibilities over both the State Board of Land Commissioners and the Department of Lands; and,

WHEREAS, it would be good public policy to have county commissioners and assessor be timely informed by the Department of Lands and the State Board of Land Commissioners when proposed land exchanges will occur in their counties; and,

WHEREAS, it would be good public policy to have the county commissioners and assessors assist the renters for the lakefront properties to help find equivalently valued timber and grazing properties for revenue neutral trades; and,

WHEREAS, it would be good public policy for the State Board of Land Commissioners to seriously consider such potential trades instead of undermining county governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Idaho GOP encourages the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature requests that the Department of Lands and the State Board of Land Commissioners submit all proposed land exchanges to the Idaho Legislature so that the Legislature can concur or not concur in the land exchange of further commercial property investments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Idaho GOP encourages the Chief Clerk of the House to forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Lands and to each member of the State Board of Land Commissioners.

Resolution 2014-9

A Resolution Supporting the Right to Film Police Encounters

WHEREAS, the First Amendment guarantees the right of citizens to film encounters with police in public view; and,

WHEREAS, in our high-tech culture, nearly every citizen carries a portable device capable of video recording; and,

WHEREAS, the internet is replete with videos captured by citizens showing abuse, excessive force and misconduct committed by police officers, and,

WHEREAS, such videos have also captured evidence of police threatening, intimidating, and arresting individuals exercising their First Amendment rights in public, and,

WHEREAS, many police departments have demonstrated hostility to the First Amendment,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party strongly supports the rights of individuals to film police encounters in public view; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party encourages all Sheriffs' departments and police departments to implement policies and procedures to ensure that all deputies and officers respect the First Amendment rights of citizens; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party encourages its members in the Idaho Legislature to consider passing of such legislation to further protect the First Amendment rights of its citizens.