

RESOLUTIONS TO THE CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PLATFORM, PASSED March 31, 2012.

Resolution No.1

Oppose imposition of mandatory state preschool standards on private preschool programs via state and federal funds or other public-private partnership grants.

WHEREAS, parents, not government, are responsible for raising and educating their own preschool children, and parents who seek preschools have been able to choose from a variety of community-based, private, or religious preschool to suit their needs;

WHEREAS, neither the state nor federal governments have authority to set preschool standards, curriculum, or assessments for private and religious schools;

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature is currently implementing a Washington Preschool Program, and is planning for private and religious schools to join this system, voluntarily for now, which disallows any religious influence and any curriculum that does not follow government early learning standards; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Governor and Legislature are phasing in a “one-size-fits-all” set of preschool curriculum standards for early learning programs, requiring new government-mandated employment qualifications for staff, and mandating other measures without input from parents or preschool owners, directors or staff, or the Legislature;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

We strongly support freedom from government interference for private and religious schools at all grade levels, and we oppose the establishment of universal preschool programs in Washington State, including the imposition of statewide early childhood standards, curriculum, or assessments upon the children or administrative mandates upon the preschools.

Resolution No. 2

Oppose the imposition of national (Common Core) K-12 standards

WHEREAS, according to the 10th amendment to the US Constitution, education, since not listed as a power of the federal government, is reserved to states and to the people;

WHEREAS, private non-profit organizations are funding, creating, and promoting Common Core National Standards through federal education programs such as Race to the Top without any accountability or input from private, taxpaying citizens either directly or through their elected officials;

WHEREAS, the creation of a national curriculum is unconstitutional, violates federal law, is unnecessary and unhelpful for improving national academic performance, and

WHEREAS, in many cases the national standards are of lower quality than current state standards;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

We oppose the adoption of the Common Core national standards and the national assessments that accompany them.

Resolution No. 3

Oppose federal and executive branch control of education

WHEREAS, both the Obama and Washington State Democrat administrations are ignoring separation of powers doctrine and implementing various aspects of federal and state education programs, unconstitutionally through the executive branch;

WHEREAS, programs such as No Child Left Behind waivers, Race to the Top, and early childhood scholarships are being implemented by the federal executive branch without statutory authority or legislative input;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

We oppose re-authorization of the No Child Left Behind Act, and we support Washington State's opting out of the currently enacted law. This also applies to No Child Left Behind waivers, Race to the Top, and early learning programs.

Resolution No. 4

Oppose unionization of private businesses and independent contractors

WHEREAS, several states including Washington State have or have attempted to unionize personal care attendants or workers in small independent childcare businesses that care for clients receiving government subsidies, and union dues are automatically deducted from those subsidies resulting in decreased funds for poor, sick and disabled children and adults;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

We oppose the forced unionization of any individuals or businesses, including those whose clients receive government subsidies and oppose the forced deduction of union dues or fair share fees from those subsidies.

Resolution No. 5

Oppose federal education data tracking from birth.

WHEREAS, the federal K-12 and early childhood sections of Race to the Top as well as the stimulus bill all require states to set up or expand a comprehensive data tracking system of all children from birth, a system by which much sensitive family data will be collected in a permanent database; and

WHEREAS, the Obama administration has by rule effectively gutted student consent and privacy protection under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA);

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

We oppose the use of state or federal funds to implement any longitudinal education data system that does not fully protect and preserve the privacy of the individual and the family.

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS, the republican form of representative government is diminished by the occurrence of entrenched career politicians:

THEREFORE, we the people resolve that elected members of the U.S. Congress be limited to serve for Senators, two consecutive 6-year terms, and for Representatives, three consecutive 2-year terms. Washington State Legislators be limited to serve for Senators, three consecutive 4-year terms, and for Representatives, three consecutive 2-year terms. And Clallam County commissioners be limited to three consecutive 4-year terms.

Resolution No. 7

My Choices Resolution

RESOLVED, that legislation that would restrict the activities of Care Net Pregnancy Centers and similar organizations be strongly opposed (such as SB6452 and HB2837 introduced in 2010 to control “limited service pregnancy centers”).

Resolution No. 8

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the precepts adopted in the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

THEREFORE, we call on the House of Representatives of the United States of America to pass the Enumerated Powers Act (HR 1359 in the 110th Congress) which states, “Each Act of Congress shall contain a concise and definite statement of the constitutional authority relied upon for the enactment of each portion of that Act. The failure to comply with this section shall give rise to a point of order in either House of Congress. The availability of this point of order does not affect any other available relief.

Resolution No. 9

WHEREAS, we affirm the principles of the Declaration of Independence that all human beings, born and those still in the womb, are created equal and are "endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among those are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

THEREFORE, since life is first necessary for the existence of liberty or the pursuit of happiness, the protection of human life must always take precedence in any conflict between unalienable rights.

Resolution No. 10

WHEREAS, “Adult stem cells have been isolated from numerous adult tissues, umbilical cord, and other non-embryonic sources, and have demonstrated a surprising ability for transformation into other tissue and cell types and for repair of damaged tissues.” [*Adult Stem Cells*, DAVID A. PRENTICE, PH.D., Professor of Life Sciences at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana];

WHEREAS, peer-reviewed research shows that applications of adult stem cells produce therapeutic benefit for human patients (e.g., in treating cancers, autoimmune, cardiovascular ocular, neural degenerative, anemia, metabolic diseases and disorders, etc.);

WHEREAS, embryonic stem cell research and therapeutic use requires the destruction of the life of a human embryo;

WHEREAS, embryonic stem cell research has failed, compared to adult stem cell research, in treating any disease or disorder —despite enthusiastic media endorsement, aggressive marketing and Democrat Party condemnation;

THEREFORE, we call on the President and Congress to institute a total ban on stem cell research that involves the killing of human embryos. We strongly encourage scientific research that utilizes adult stem cells and/or stem cells derived from umbilical cord blood and placentas that are recovered after live births.

Resolution No. 11

Resolution OPPOSING U.N. Agenda 21

Resolution Adopting the RNC Resolution Exposing UN Agenda 21

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee, on January 13, 2012, adopted the following "Resolution Exposing UN Agenda 21;" and,

WHEREAS, the Clallam County Republican party is in agreement with and has unanimously passed a Resolution calling upon Clallam County to withdraw from ICLEI and UN Agenda 21; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Clallam County Republican party adopts the RNC Resolution Exposing UN Agenda 21.
Republican National Committee (RNC) Resolution Exposing United Nations Agenda 21

WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 is a comprehensive plan of extreme environmentalism, social engineering, and global political control that was initiated at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992; and,

WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 is being covertly pushed into local communities throughout the United States of America through the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) through local "sustainable development" policies such as Smart Growth, Wildlands Project, Resilient Cities, Regional Visioning Projects, and other "Green" or "Alternative" projects; and,

WHEREAS, this United Nations Agenda 21 plan of radical so-called "sustainable development" views the American way of life of private property ownership, single family homes, private car ownership and individual travel choices, and privately owned farms; all as destructive to the environment; and,

WHEREAS, according to the United Nations Agenda 21 policy, social justice is described as the right and opportunity of all people to benefit equally from the resources afforded us by society and the environment which would be accomplished by socialist/communist redistribution of wealth; and,

WHEREAS, according to the United Nations Agenda 21 policy National sovereignty is deemed a social injustice; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Republican National Committee recognizes the destructive and insidious nature of United Nations Agenda 21 and hereby exposes to the public and public policy makers the dangerous intent of the plan; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that the U.S. government and no state or local government is legally bound by the United Nations Agenda 21 treaty in that it has never been endorsed by the (U.S.) Senate; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that the federal and state and local governments across the country be well informed of the underlying harmful implications of implementation of United Nations Agenda 21 destructive strategies for "sustainable development" and we hereby endorse rejection of its radical policies and rejection of any grant monies attached to it; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the approval of this resolution the Republican National Committee shall deliver a copy of this resolution to each of the Republican members of Congress, all Republican candidates for Congress, all Republican candidates for President who qualify for RNC sanctioned debates, and to each Republican state and territorial party office and recommend for adoption into the Republican Party Platform at the 2012 Convention.

Resolution No. 12

WHEREAS, more than 90% of 1,754 sq. miles that make up Clallam County are already set aside as state-controlled Trust Lands, and private timber resource lands, and major portions of the 922,650-acre Olympic National Park and 633,677-acre Olympic National Forest, and

WHEREAS, less than 175 sq. miles of Clallam County remains available for all other uses, including agriculture, cities, homes, businesses, manufacturing, industry and public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, owners of private properties that are targeted for conversion to public property face coercive forces designed to compel them to become “willing sellers” and

Whereas working, multi-use timberland produces valuable economic, cultural and environmental benefits, surpassing those of restricted and neglected parkland and wilderness;

THEREFORE, we oppose the Wild Olympics Campaign and the so-called “Path Forward on Olympic Watersheds Protection Proposal by Democrat Rep. Norm Dicks and Democrat Sen. Patty, and favor a strict policy of no net loss of working forestland, working resource land and private property.

Resolution No. 13

A Resolution calling for the Repeal of the 17th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers came to a great compromise at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and provided for proportional representation of the people in the House of Representatives of the United States and equal representation for each independent state in the Senate of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers determined that equal representation of the states in the Senate of the United States recognized the individual sovereignty of each state; and

WHEREAS, James Madison in Federalist Papers, Numbers 37 through 48, concluded that a balance of powers between the branches of government and the levels of government (general, state, and the people) is necessary for stability, and detailed in Federalist Papers, Number 39, that the Senate deriving its power from the states is necessary to maintain the federal nature of the general government; and

WHEREAS, the selection of the United States Senators by the state legislatures was the political mechanism against congressional encroachment into the sovereignty of the states; and

WHEREAS, a US Senator's general responsibility as intended by the Founders, and discussed by James Madison in Federalist Papers, Number 10, was to represent state legislature as their agent; and

WHEREAS, each was given the right to prescribe its own procedures regarding the selection process for United States Senators, including appointments in the case of deadlock; and

WHEREAS, the state legislature has a role in compelling accountability from United States Senators; and

WHEREAS, the ratification of the Seventeenth Amendment in 1913 changed the selection of the United States Senators from that of being “chosen” by the state legislatures to that of being “elected by the people” of the states, thereby divesting the states of any direct voice in the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States and the executive branch have, since the ratification of the 17th Amendment, steadily encroached upon the sovereignty of this and the other states united by and under the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the existing 17th Amendment relationship between the states and the federal government is guaranteed to further transfer power from state governments to the federal government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we declare the 17th Amendment process of electing United States Senators by the popular vote to be defective, which fails to represent the interests of the individual states, and we implore the Congress to propose an amendment pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States to repeal the 17th Amendment in order to restore the states to their prior status as partners in the political process.

Resolution No. 14

No Earmarks

BE IT RESOLVED, that legislation submitted to the Senate or the House of Representatives must pertain to only one subject or type of legislation at a time, and that any amendments offered to a Senate or House bill must pertain only to the subject matter presented. Congress shall no longer engage in the practice of earmarking funds.

Resolution No. 15

Abolish the Department of Energy

WHEREAS, the U. S. Energy Department was established in 1977. That its purpose was to lessen America's dependence on foreign energy sources. That it has spent hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars over the past 35 years, and has a current budget of over \$25 billion. And that America is now more dependent on foreign energy sources than 35 years ago.

SO, BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. Energy Department be abolished by Congress. That its activities relating to nuclear weapons be transferred to the Department of Defense. That Congress replace it with a Board of Energy Independence. That this Board be chartered with the sole purpose of facilitating increased domestic oil and gas production, building nuclear power plants, adding new hydroelectric capacity, and expanding domestic clean coal energy production. And that this be accomplished by removing or mitigating environmental obstacles' with common sense and practical technological solutions.

Resolution No. 16

Abolish the Department of Education

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Education has been operating since 1980 and currently has an annual budget of over \$68 billion. That Federal policies and mandates have been imposed on each State's own education system, with disastrous costs and results. And that the quality of education in our public schools has not improved since 1980.

SO, BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. Department of Education be abolished by Congress, as well as its unfunded mandates. That Congress return responsibility of education to the States. That any future funds appropriated for education by the Federal Government be block granted directly to each State's Education Departments without conditions or mandates. And that there be passed no new State or Federal laws that seek to centralize educational authority at the expense of local School Boards.

Resolution No. 17

Abolish the Department of Ecology

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Ecology has been in existence since 1970 and has an annual budget of approximately \$750 million and 1,600 employees. That it has become unresponsive to the people it is supposed to serve. That it routinely exceeds its statutory authority. That it issues regulations that infringe on the property rights of the citizens of the State of Washington. And that it fails to engage in a balancing of the environmental benefits and economic impacts of its regulations.

SO, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Department of Ecology be abolished. And that its responsibilities, together with the funding necessary to carry them out, be transferred to local governments. And that local governments be charged with carrying out these responsibilities using common sense, taking into account local circumstances and the needs of local communities, balancing environmental benefits and economic impacts, and utilizing only peer reviewed scientific studies.

Resolution No. 18

Abolish the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been in existence since 1970 and has an annual budget of approximately \$9 billion and 17,000 employees. That it has engaged in the regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act contrary to the will of Congress and usurping Congressional authority. That it has been at the forefront of issuing regulations that threaten economic recovery, harm the international competitiveness of American manufacturers, drive American jobs overseas, and encroach on property rights, without engaging in a balancing of the environmental benefits and economic impacts of its regulations.

SO, BE IT RESOLVED, that the EPA be abolished. And that it be replaced by a new Environmental Solutions Agencies at the State level that would protect the environment encouraging innovation, incentivizing success and emphasizing sound science and new technology over bureaucracy, regulation, litigation, and restrictions on American energy.

Resolution No. 19

WHEREAS, the Northwest Forest Plan of 1994, implemented by the Clinton Administration, has resulted in large reductions in timber harvested from federal forests, and

WHEREAS, rural communities in the Northwest have relied for decades on this supply to provide valuable jobs in forests and mills, and

WHEREAS, the remaining mills, most of which do not have their own source of logs, are a critical part of the economic vitality in rural communities, and

WHEREAS, these facilities have suffered through the current recession, but need the assurance of a stable timber supply to stay in business, and

WHEREAS, the further loss of jobs in the Northwest would have serious consequences, and

WHEREAS, additional wilderness designations have been suggested that would permanently eliminate timber supplies from hundreds of thousands of acres of federal forests, and

WHEREAS, wilderness precludes multiple use activities of all kinds that are valued by local residents, and

WHEREAS, the current destruction of access roads, built at public expense is designed to create de facto wilderness with loss of access needed to control forest fires and the salvage of valuable timber at risk from blow down, insect infestations, and disease, and

WHEREAS, private timber without manufacturing facilities for conversion to forest products can result in a severe loss of value resulting in negative consequences to the tax base, and

WHEREAS, a thorough review of the impacts of the Northwest Forest Plan is long overdue and is needed.

NOW THEREFORE, we call for this review for the following reasons:

1. to preclude a further loss of jobs,

2. to assure the retention of manufacturing plants,
3. to provide employment for loggers whose valuable skills in the woods are essential in forest management activities,
4. to insure that the multiple use of federal forests are maintained since thousands of acres of wilderness have already been set aside for this single use,
5. to supply a stable source of funds for county schools and roads, and
6. to stimulate the economy of the Northwest at a critical time by the perpetual growth and harvest of timber promised when the National Forests were established over 100 years ago.

Resolution No. 20

Republic vs. Democracy Resolution

WHEREAS a republic and a democracy are two distinct forms of government, and

WHEREAS the United States Constitution, Article IV, Section 4 guarantees to every state "a republican form of government" and we pledge allegiance to our country's flag "and to the Republic for which it stands," and

WHEREAS John Adams stated "Democracy... while it lasts is more bloody than either aristocracy or monarchy. Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There is never a democracy that did not commit suicide," and

WHEREAS the Republican Party is the party of limited, Constitutional government and the Democratic Party promotes liberalism and socialism, and

WHEREAS every time the word "democracy" is used favorably it serves to promote the principles of the Democratic Party, which principles we ardently oppose,

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Clallam County, in convention assembled, acknowledges that our nation is intended to be a republic, not a democracy and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage Republicans to substitute the words "republic" and "republicanism" where previously they have used the word "democracy" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support legislation which preserves the republican nature of our government institutions and oppose legislation which makes our nation more "democratic" in nature, and that, while we favor and encourage liberty in all nations, we oppose all efforts to use American military might to spread "democracy" around the world.

Resolution No. 21

Reining the Unconstitutional Power of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government

WHEREAS, United States presidents have in the past created Executive Orders for national defense and national preparedness;

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln, the Republican president serving during the War Between the States, halted freedom of speech and freedom of the press, while at the same time revoking Habeas Corpus and the right to a fair trial under the sixth amendment;

WHEREAS, Democrat President Woodrow Wilson, when Congress refused to extend his control over resources during American involvement in World War I, invoked an Executive Order which gave him complete economic power (industry, business, transportation, food, etc.);

WHEREAS, past Executive Orders have created constitutional crisis of imbalance of power exercised by the Executive branch of government during legitimate times of national crisis;

WHEREAS, the philosophy of the sitting President seems to agree with his hand-picked first chief of staff; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2012, Barack Obama signed Executive Order giving the president absolute control over all the nation's resources angering both conservatives and liberals.

THEREFORE, we call on the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America to review conscientiously and legislate decisively against attempts by the Executive branch to attain power illegitimately.

Resolution No. 22

BE IT RESOLVED, that we support the following principles:

First, the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children is a fundamental right;

Second, neither the United States nor any State shall infringe upon this right without demonstrating that its governmental interest as applied to the person is of the highest order and interest as applied to the person is of the highest order not otherwise served; and

Third, no Treaty may be adopted nor shall any source of international law be employed to supersede, modify, interpret, or apply to the rights guaranteed by this article.

Resolution No. 23

RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE US MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN

WHEREAS, the United States was founded on the "self-evident" truths that rights are granted by God, that governments exist only to protect those rights, and that God-given rights cannot legitimately be canceled; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations refuses to recognize God, declares that rights exist by virtue of laws enacted by governments, and claims power for itself to suspend such laws; and

WHEREAS, the obvious philosophical differences in these two systems demonstrate that they are totally incompatible; and

WHEREAS, the basic foundation of the United Nations dramatically parallels that of all Communist states; and

WHEREAS, the UN is proceeding with plans to disarm our nation's military and to disarm law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, the UN has supplied funding for China's population control program that enforces abortion, infanticide, and sterilization. The UN Human Rights Commission refuses to sanction China for these crimes against humanity; and

WHEREAS, the leading influences at the creation of the United Nations included secret Communist Alger Hiss who served as the Secretary-General of the founding conference, and more than a dozen other U.S. delegates later discovered to be Communists; and

WHEREAS, former UN Secretary-General U Thant confirmed the pro-Communist stance of the UN when he stated in 1970 that the “ideals of peace” held by the bloody-handed Soviet leader V.I. Lenin, “are in line with the aims of the UN Charter”; and

WHEREAS, former UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali bared the goal of the UN to become a world government dominating all nations when he proclaimed in 1991 that “the time of absolute and exclusive sovereignty, however, has passed”; and

WHEREAS, former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan supported the view given by his predecessor when he stated in 1999 that “state sovereignty, in its most basic sense, is being redefined”; and

WHEREAS, Maurice Strong, former Undersecretary General of the UN and member of the Commission on Global Governance in a UN Biodiversity Assessment Report said:... “Although states are sovereign, they are not free individually to do whatever they want” and that every nation in the world will have to be “reorganized around the principles of environmental protection, social equity, and what is called ‘sustainable’ economic development.” (Our Global Neighborhood by Henry Lamb Jan/Feb 1996)

WHEREAS, the UN Charter itself demonstrates that the world organization is not a peace organization but will, according to its Article 42, take “action by air, sea, or land forces” against any nation deemed to be a threat to the UN’s definition of peace; and

WHEREAS, the UN has created dozens of conventions, departments, commissions and agencies and armed them with the capability to dictate every conceivable aspect of human conduct; and

WHEREAS, the UN is diligently proceeding to acquire its own judicial, tax-gathering, and military authority that will make it an unchallengeable force throughout the world;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that The United States of America will unilaterally withdraw membership and funding from the United Nations Assembly and request that the United Nations Building be vacated within 6 months after withdrawal date.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that The Clallam County Republican Party in convention assembled respectfully but firmly calls upon Members of Congress to use appropriate constitutional authority in order to extricate our nation from the threat to freedom posed by the United Nations, thus we direct our representatives to focus first on preserving our sovereignty given to us by our Creator and guaranteed by our Constitution. To replace our wasteful and dangerous involvement in the United Nations with diplomacy through the State Department, which will be the first and primary recourse when dealing with foreign governments, to the extent permitted by the U. S. Constitution. We encourage House members to work toward this goal by co-sponsoring H.R. 1146, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act. We encourage members of the Senate to introduce a similar measure in their legislative branch.

Resolution No. 24

"Be it resolved that the Federal Election Commission prohibit by law, the transfer or payment of funds (money) to any Political Action Committee (PAC) or candidate for all elections- Local, State or Federal by any Public Service Union. Thus Public Service Unions would be equivalent to the United States Military with regard to any and all elections." ie: The military (DOD) cannot endorse or fund a candidate nor should Public Service Unions."

Resolution No. 25

WHEREAS, 19,000 children are in out-of-home care in Washington State each year due to abuse or neglect, and 10,000 children are in out-of-home care on any given day; and

WHEREAS, There are now children in foster care who are third and fourth generation of their family to require out-of-home care; and

WHEREAS, 73% of foster children do not graduate from high school, yet legislation to fund pre-school for foster children stalled in the state legislature two years in a row; and

WHEREAS, Foster care alumni are at a much higher risk of depression, poverty, suicide, drug abuse, and crime; and

WHEREAS, Any disruption is inherently damaging to a child, and that the longer a child remains in out-of-home care, the greater the damage, including attachment disorders, aggression, insecurity, self-injury, low self-esteem, low self-worth, and depression; and

WHEREAS, The chance of successful family reunification drops to near zero after a child has been in out-of-home care for more than 15 months; and

WHEREAS, Washington State and Federal Law require permanency to be established after a child has been in out-of-home care for 15 of the last 22 months; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the 10,000 children in foster care today have been there for more than three years, in direct violation of state and federal law and the best interests of the child; and

WHEREAS, the denial of the child's right to permanency is systemic, damaging nearly every child that enters the system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That foster care in Washington State is in crisis, and the current foster care system is unconstitutional based on the 5th and 14th amendments: the child's liberty interest to due process and to be free from harm; and be it further

RESOLVED, We declare that protecting children in foster care and establishing early permanency for them should be policy priorities.

Resolution No. 26

WHEREAS, religious freedom and liberty of conscience are inalienable rights protected by the Declaration of Independence and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

THEREFORE, we call on the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America to pass the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2012" (H.R.3897; S.2043; S.2092) to protect rights of conscience with regard to the coverage of preventive health services under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) or any other provision of PPACA.

Resolution No. 27

"Be it resolved that no policies, regulations or laws should be based on United Nation's charters, protocols, or principals. Therefore, we should remove all policies, regulations, and laws based on Agenda 21, Earth Charter, the Kyoto Protocol, and principles such as the Precautionary Principle.

In summation, we the Republican Party do reject any and all policies, regulations or laws which require the total or partial

relinquishment or subjection of our United States' Constitution, National Sovereignty, or Bill of Rights to any global government entity, or any U.S. government entity working on their behalf."

Resolution No. 28

"Require clear labeling of the genetically modified status of both human and animal foods at both the State and Federal levels."

The genetic modification of food organisms (GMO's) by engineering or other means not normally occurring in nature raises a specter of risks to both health and the environment. Those risks include not only high levels of herbicides and pesticides applied to crops, which the GMO's are immune; but also herbicides and pesticides that are manufactured and released within the modified plants themselves (such as corn), thus cannot be washed off. There is also the potential of the transfer of the modified genetic material to animals and even humans. Of further concern is the cross pollination of GMO seed with both non-GMO crops and wildlands, which has the potential to wipe out naturally occurring plants making dependence on GMO's the only option.

The testing and scientific research related to GMOs by the USDA has been left to the corporations that created the GMOs. Nevertheless, independent studies (often by international organizations and scientists) have repeatedly found extensive organ damage in test animals fed a diet of GMOs; GMO DNA in fetus; increased occurrence of herbicides and pesticides in waterways; increased resistance to herbicides and pesticides, creating 'super weeds'; and GMO plants in wildlife habitat areas. Small non-GMO farmers are losing their crops to cross pollination and subsequent lawsuits for patent violations when natural pollination occurs.

U.S. consumers are becoming more informed regarding the risks of GMOs, especially genetically engineered organisms, and are choosing not to include them in their diets but without labeling, have no way of knowing which foods contain GMOs and which are free of them.

For the reasons outlined above and others, many other nations prohibit GMOs. Without labeling, U.S. citizens are being denied the opportunity to make informed choices. We are only asking that the status be clearly labeled