

RESOLUTIONS TO THE CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

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EDUCATION

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 the 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

Support Parent Control of Children's Education and Upbringing

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. 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

Support Cursive Writing in Schools

WHEREAS, cursive writing has always been part of the school curriculum, we refuse the latest notion to remove it from the education curriculum; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to use signatures, mostly done by cursive writing, we want to continue the use of this signature process;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that cursive writing remains a necessary and well proven skill, and that it is continued to be taught to children in elementary school.

Resolution No. 7

Support charter schools in the State of Washington

WHEREAS, competition and innovation has been demonstrated to bring improvement to all publically funded schools; and

WHEREAS, 43 states have enacted legislation enabling operation of publically funded charter schools, starting in 1991; and

WHEREAS, these charter schools are thriving, often in difficult social and cultural circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Washington voters approved the public charter school law in a state-wide election in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Washington's public charter schools are helping to close our state's education equity gap, as a vital part of the Washington publicly funded school system, providing a high-quality educational lifeline for many families, particularly those families from underserved communities of color and those struggling with poverty; and

WHEREAS, 70 percent of the state's public charter school students are of color and two-thirds qualify for free or reduced school lunch; and

WHEREAS, in a very short time, Washington's public charter schools are already making a difference in educational outcomes by adding to the public school options available to families. They offer flexible and innovative approaches to learning that are specifically tailored to the needs of diverse students that the public charter schools serve; and

WHEREAS, shutting down the publically funded charter schools, just as their inspiring work is getting started, would be a devastating setback for 1,100 students, their families, communities and public education in our state;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we strongly support publically funded charters schools and urge that state law be written in a manner that allows charter schools to operation under the state constitution.

Resolution No. 8

Support vouchers and parent control of educational funding

WHEREAS, the citizens of this country have decided that an educated populace is of importance to the social and economic well-being of the nation.

WHEREAS, monopolies in general result in degraded and substandard results due to the lack of the effective forcing function of competition to engender efficiency and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, multiple evaluations have shown the US school systems are generally producing graduates who are lacking the tools and education needed to support a robust society in our competitive global economy, scoring well below comparable nations. And where many private schools have shown a much more efficient use of resources with much more effective and tangible results; and

WHEREAS, the public has been demanding a radical change in these low performance statistics of effectiveness and have rejected unsubstantiated calls for more and more funding - "for our children";

THEREFORE, be it resolved that, as a matter of state and local funding of our educational systems, the money shall go where the parents, who are the first and foremost decision makers for the welfare of their children, want to send their child. Parents shall be able to send their child where they can get the best education, forcing all providers public and private to compete for their business. Government shall only provide minimum requirements for performance, and allow innovation and the application of best practices decide which systems obtain the most parental viability. We support the use of vouchers and direct funding for the exercise of parental and societal rights to expect effective education resources and the most productive use of public funding.

Resolution No. 9

Oppose Washington State School Board Directors Association

WHEREAS, Washington state legislators passed RCW 28A.345.050, to form Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) stating: "It shall be the duty of the school directors' association (1) to take such action as the association deems advisable to effect a coordination of policymaking, control, and management of the school districts of the state; . . ."; and

WHEREAS, individual district school directors have no choice in WSSDA membership which violates the individual right to freedom of association; and

WHEREAS, WSSDA *Leadership Standards* state, "To be an effective leader an individual school director: . . . (f) Respects the board's role in policy making and supports all adopted board policies"; and

WHEREAS, at a WSSDA Networking Breakfast some topics were: "Deviating Behaviors—dealing with individual board members/superintendents who, after the board has decided to adopt policy governance, do not accept or respect the model;" and "One Voice Concept—The board speaks with one voice, or not at all"; and

WHEREAS, school boards expect members to refrain from individually responding to or stating personal opinions to community members seeking attention to school related issues; and

WHEREAS, in just 2013 and 2014, the Washington State School Board Directors Association, WSSDA, collected each year \$1,724,874 from Washington State's school districts' for WSSDA membership dues at taxpayer expense; and

WHEREAS, school district superintendents and board members request school directors' attendance at WSSDA conferences, yearly costing hundreds of thousands of tax dollars in WSSDA fees, hotel accommodations, meals, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Washington voters have rejected a state income tax 7 times, voted 5 times in support of a super majority to raise taxes, and in 2012 voters approved I-1240, the Washington Charter School Initiative later overturned by our arrogant Washington State Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, school boards and superintendents ask directors to participate in WSSDA's Legislative conferences to lobby for a state income tax, a simple majority vote to pass school bonds, and oppose charter schools unless school boards are given control of charter schools, etc.; and

WHEREAS, except for school directors, other elected governing representatives regularly and freely express opinions and oppose legislation once passed (and circuit court judges and Supreme Court Justices write dissenting opinions after voting on a case); and

WHEREAS, WSSDA expects individual school directors to ignore constituents' interests if these interests conflict with the board's decisions or objectives, such acquiescence is antithetical to a republican form of government, and conflicts with our 1st amendment right to free speech; and

WHEREAS, we believe that government best serves citizens when representatives at the local level freely voice opinions and freely make decision as representatives of their constituents;

THEREFORE:

1. We object to tax payer funding for WSSDA's operations;
2. We protest WSSDA's use of tax dollars paid through school boards to promote a state income tax, a simple majority to pass school bonds, and WSSDA's restraints upon charter schools;
3. We deplore any and all forms of duress placed upon school directors;
4. We denounce WSSDA's repressive expectations and authoritarian, 1st Amendment obstructions of Washington State's school board directors;
5. Furthermore, we petition our state legislators to amend RCW 28A.345.050 by removing WSSDA's "control, and management of the school districts."

UNIONS

Resolution No. 10

Oppose mandating unionization of private businesses, government entities and independent contractors as conditions of employment

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. 11

Oppose Transfers of Union Funds to PACs

"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." i.e.: The military (DOD) cannot endorse or fund a candidate nor should Public Service Unions."

RELIGIOUS AND RIGHT TO LIFE ISSUES

Resolution No. 12

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. 13

Support Protection of Human Life

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. 14

Oppose embryonic stem cell research

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. 15

Support Religious Liberty

WHEREAS, every person has the right to worship the god of their choice; and

WHEREAS, every person has the right to live their lives free of persecution from others who do not agree with them; and

WHEREAS, Local, State, and Federal Governments shall not interfere with business owners' religious beliefs, and force them to conduct their business in a manner that would make them violate their religious beliefs;

THEREFORE, business owners should be protected from lawsuits that would punish business owners for running their businesses in accordance with their religious beliefs, and laws shall be enacted to protect individuals who exercise their 1st Amendment rights.

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UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

Resolution No. 17

Oppose U.S. membership in the United Nations

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. 1205, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act. We encourage members of the Senate to introduce a similar measure in their legislative branch.

Resolution No. 18

Oppose U.N. Agenda 21 (also known as "2030 Agenda")

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 2016 Convention.

Resolution No. 19

Oppose Laws Based on United Nations charters, protocols or principles

"Be it resolved that no policies, regulations or laws should be based on United Nation's charters, protocols, or principles. Therefore, we should remove all policies, regulations, and laws based on Agenda 21 (also known as "2030 Agenda"), 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. 20

A RESOLUTION in OPPOSITION to North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Trans Pacific Prosperity Partnership (TPP), (TPIP), and all international schemes designed to create or strengthen regional or world governments, or benefit corporate cronyism, at the expense of American prosperity and sovereignty.

WHEREAS, all prior “free trade” agreements, have benefited other nations at the expense of the U.S. by enticing American business to foreign shores where it has advantage of lower operating costs, cheap labor, and lesser or no environmental controls, leaving millions of U.S. workers unemployed; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico and Canada “exploded” from less than \$20 billion to more than \$200 billion following the imposition of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); and the U.S. trade deficit with South Korea ballooned by \$12 billion since imposition of the 2012 U.S.-Korea free-trade regime; and

WHEREAS, the World Trade Organization, as a result of earlier U.S. trade pacts, has authorized more than a billion dollars in sanctions against the United States due to country of origin labels on meats sold in the U.S. leading Congress to approve the removal of country of origin labels from meats, even though that labeling was supported by more than 90% of Americans; and

WHEREAS, successful trade pact related challenges by other nations have caused the U.S. to roll back regulations on gasoline cleanliness; change laws relating to fishing techniques; alter auto fuel efficiency (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) standards; and

WHEREAS, President Obama, and more than 600 official corporate “trade advisers” have engaged in secret trade negotiation for over seven years to create the international framework for the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), and have denied access to members of Congress, governors, state legislators, the press, and the American people to the content of TPP provisions for all but 90 days only; and the people and the States who will be governed by the provisions of the TPP had absolutely no representation in the creation of it; and

WHEREAS, the multinational corporations, the advisers of which helped to author the TPP, will greatly benefit by its provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) is heralded as an international agreement on “free trade” designed to benefit the American people, and the reality is that the bulk of the TPP agreement (approx. 24 of 30 chapters) is designed to interfere in the domestic interests of member nations with endless rules in areas of food safety, health, environment, immigration, Internet freedom, medical costs, expansion of corporate patents, evisceration of financial regulations, and other potential aspects of global commerce; and

WHEREAS, the TPP a binding international system of governance with a new international regulatory structure, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Commission, which will appoint bureaucrats, adopt rules, make change the TPP agreement, promulgate, implement, and enforce domestic compliance of its rules, and control more than 40% of all world trade subject; and

WHEREAS, the Investment Chapter of the TPP allows foreign corporations to sue the U.S. government over nearly any law or regulation which is likely to reduce their future profits, representing an improper intrusion on the sovereignty of our 50 States and the United States; and

WHEREAS, similar to North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the TPP includes an undemocratic system of corporate privileges including Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) under which individual foreign corporations are given equal status with the sovereign member nations; and

WHEREAS, ISDS allows corporate claimants to challenge governments’ health, environmental and other laws and policies before extra-judicial tribunals authorized to order unlimited compensation for lost profits to be paid for with taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, ISDS – tribunal system, staffed by attorneys of corporate giants, is already fully functional in trade agreements with other nations and already established a track record that bodes poorly for small business, having in adjudicated cases ruled in favor of the corporate giants (more that \$10 billion annual revenues) about 7 times in ten, and against small businesses (under \$1 billion annual revenues) about five times in six. (see Osgoode Legal Studies Research Paper No. 14 Vol. 12/ Issue. 3/ (2016); and

WHEREAS, ISDS allows corporations to sue their natural nations, through their offshore (foreign) extensions, having the advantage of the ISDS corporate tribunals over the courts in their respondent nations; and

WHEREAS, the TPP will deny due process to U.S. citizens regarding conflicts over goods and services with foreign corporations, with whom they will be mandated to trade; and

WHEREAS, TPP would harm public health by limiting consumers' access to less expensive generic drugs through extensions of monopoly drug patents, by allowing monopoly rights over surgical procedures, and by empowering foreign corporations to challenge public health laws of trading partners, including laws that regulate hazardous substances, cigarettes and alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the TPP threatens food safety by limiting our ability to ensure the safety of imported food by treating U.S. reports of unusually high levels of antibiotic residues, microbial contamination, and other serious foreign food import safety concerns as “trade barriers”; and

WHEREAS, the TPP disallows citizen-initiated labeling legislation, including the labeling of foods containing Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), thwarting the ability of American voters to make their own choices about the foods we eat; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the TPP treaty would not be possible without the congressional grant of Trade Promotional Authority (TPA) to President Obama, allowing him “creative” means to accomplish what he could not accomplish under traditional constitutional means; and

WHEREAS, the “Fast Track” procedural rules, by which the U.S. is being saddled with TPP, forbid Congress from amending it and requires an up-or-down vote in 60 days; and,

WHEREAS, this process makes it impossible for our elected representatives to adequately study and assess the six thousand plus page Trans-Pacific Partnership Treaty to determine whether this Agreement is in the best interests of the American people; and

WHEREAS, this process guaranteed that most Americans were not aware of the TPP before Congress voted, thereby it denied the people the right to research the TPP risks and direct their representatives to oppose the TPP; and

WHEREAS, the TPP contains provisions of incentives for off-shoring untold additional American jobs, promising ever larger foreign trade deficits, and foreign production monopolies, and requires the U.S. to waive “Buy American” or “Buy Local” requirements aimed at enhancing our own economy and creating jobs at home; and

WHEREAS, the Trans-Pacific Partnership attempts to supersede current federal, state and local law and prohibit our representatives from taking certain actions to better our society and economy in the future; and

WHEREAS, the TPP contains provisions of protection for foreign corporations, that include immunity from damages to those who are mandated to trade with them; and

WHEREAS, the TPP encumbers or removes most small business from the marketplace, placing artificial barriers to honest free and open trade; and

WHEREAS, the TPP is the vehicle designed to draw the U.S. into the Free Trade Area of Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) with all OPEC nations – including Russia and China, similar to trading partnerships that were used to draw in the nations of Europe to the E.U., which has eroded the sovereignty of each member nation until a handful of unelected bureaucrats in Brussels dictate every meaningful action that occurs within any of their once independent sovereign boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the future of the United States lies clearly before us if we allow this treachery to continue to destroy our sovereignty;

THEREFORE, in order to protect the rights of the people of the United States, in the best interests of our businesses and workforce, the health of our environment and our sovereignty, BE IT RESOLVED by the Clallam County Republican Party that we OPPOSE all international schemes designed to create or strengthen regional or world governments, or benefit corporate cronyism, at the expense of American prosperity and sovereignty, including the “free trade” agreements currently in effect; and

We further RESOLVE to influence all State and local governments to determine and confirm that they will not comply with harmful provisions of treaties and other international regulation imposed upon the States and people without their due representation, whether that harm is financial harm or any other harm; and

We further RESOLVE to influence the House of Representatives to deny funding to all arrangements which weaken the sovereignty of any of the fifty States, or of the United States.

Resolution No. 21

Oppose Climate Change International Treaties

WHEREAS, Agreements that limit America's sovereign right for its use of its natural resources from its lands and territories to the benefit of its citizens; the right of self-determination; the right to conduct commerce freely; the right of association; the right of equal opportunity; and all Americans' rights to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

WHEREAS, the Clallam County Republican Party, State of Washington, strongly opposes any adoption of international agreements that arise from the United Nations or any international conferences on Climate Change.

WHEREAS: Domestic and international organizations are making well-documented efforts —based on questionable scientific method and an ideological commitment to the theory of Anthropogenic Global Warming (AGW), also known as “Climate Change” — to limit America's ability of self-determination and to conduct business and America's ability to negotiate trade agreements;

WHEREAS: Funding of science by governments, places great pressure on the objectivity of scientific work, giving rise to concerted efforts to silence or ignore dissenting findings and to suppress critical review of publications;

WHEREAS: The United Nations-affiliated Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), has stated repeatedly that atmospheric Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) is the main cause of AGW; however, it has not been proven or shown that current CO₂ emissions are significant contributors to climate change;

WHEREAS: Global Warming — whether “Anthropogenic” or not — has been occurring at a minimum since the mid-18th Century, as evidenced by the Central England Temperature (CET) records dating back to 1772, with incomplete or questionable records dated back to 1659;

WHEREAS: A scientific study of the oceans and winds as affected by the sun's incident heat explains climate change since 1854. The earth's temperature and climate change is tracked as well. This study (first presented in 2000) accurately predicted the present slow-down in warming and suggests a temperature drop after 2020 that might be extended to 2050, while all 25 IPCC models are above actual temperature;

WHEREAS: All proposed solutions to curb CO2 involve the implied death of or injury to countless humans who must rely on fossil fuels for energy, food production, clean water and shelter;

WHEREAS: The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (also known as COP 21 and CMP 11) was held in Paris, from November 30 to December 11, 2015. It was the 21st yearly session of the Conference of the Parties to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 11th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. The conference objective was to achieve a legally binding and global agreement on climate from all the nations of the world;

WHEREAS: All 25 IPCC models show a continued rise in temperature, and the IPCC continues to use inputs of these selected models to support a pre-ordained narrative, contrary to standard scientific method. These models should not be the basis for major decisions about climate. Predictions of drastic consequences made in the past are falling short of coming true, and, subsequent reports are reduced to scare tactics;

WHEREAS: Announcements in the press and media of "record temperature years" are inflammatory and are meant to alarm the general public. These announcements are part of what Patrick Moore, a past president of Greenpeace International, has called an environmental policy based on "sensationalism, misinformation, anti-humanism and fear;"

WHEREAS: The State of Washington, following such misinformed policy, is itself on a similar path to limitations upon its residents and limitations on economic opportunity, health resources and educational excellence;

WHEREAS: Modern energy production has led to significant increases in human health, lifespans and populations and improved individual opportunities — crossing all boundaries of gender, race, creed and national origin;

WHEREAS: America's peace, security, energy independence and economic growth are all enhanced by rational use of its natural energy resources;

WHEREAS: Avoidance of what George Washington called "permanent alliances" and entanglements with foreign countries can be directly tied to America's rational use of its natural energy resources;

RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the Clallam County Republican Party, State of Washington, opposes actions of government agencies at the federal, state and local level that unduly limit or restrict the development, use, utilization, transport or trade of natural energy resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that taxes, fees and other financial impediments and regulations to free and open use of natural energy resources shall not be imposed upon the citizens of the United States of America or the residents of the State of Washington.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Resolution No. 22

Oppose Wild Olympics

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 Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act introduced by Democrat Rep. Derek Kilmer and Democrat Sen. Patty Murray, and favor a strict policy of no net loss of working forestland, working resource land and private property.

Resolution No. 24

Support Review of Northwest Forest Plan

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. 25

Support placing county owned timberland under county management

WHEREAS, Clallam County owns 88,000 acres of timberland, the largest in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resource (DNR) currently manages the harvests timber in Clallam County; and

WHEREAS, the DNR has failed to honor its agreement to fully harvest timber over the past ten years, thereby creating an arrearage (shortfall) in the amount of funds which would have been produced in a full timber harvest; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from county harvested timber historically has been allocated to county schools, fire districts, libraries and other sub-taxing districts; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington legislature re-allocated proceeds from county harvested timber to the general fund of the State, to be disbursed to various counties across the state rather than to the county which owns the timberland; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington legislature, in order to disburse timber revenues to a county, requires that a bond be in place whereby county property owners are burdened with funding school construction projects and programs;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that, we call upon the Clallam County Commissioners to place an issue on the county ballot to move the management of the county owned timberland to Clallam County for the purpose of improving the economic contributions these lands provide to support employment, business, and government services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the Washington State legislature to allow for Clallam County to manage the county-owned timberland and disburse the proceeds from the sale of such timber for the benefit of county schools, fire districts, libraries and other sub-taxing districts without the requirement of passing a bond on the property owners of Clallam County.

Resolution No. 26

Oppose water rules that prevent property owners from utilizing their well water as permitted by the Groundwater Permit Exemption

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Ecology has enacted and is continuing to enact so-called instream flow rules that restrict property owners' ability to utilize their well water as otherwise permitted by RCW 90.44.050 (Groundwater Permit Exemption); and

WHEREAS, these instream flow rules sometimes impose draconian restrictions that significantly adversely affect property values without providing any substantial and measurable benefits;

THEREFORE, we support the right of all property owners to freely utilize the water from their private exempt wells up to the limits provided in RCW 90.44.050, oppose the enactment of any further instream flow rules that do not balance human needs with the needs of the environment, and support the amendment of all existing instream flow rules to conform to the above principles.

CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

Resolution No. 27

Support Term Limits

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 two consecutive six year terms for Senators and two consecutive two year terms for Representatives; that Washington State legislators be limited to two consecutive four year terms for Senators and two consecutive two year terms for Representatives; that Clallam County commissioners be limited to two consecutive four year terms; and that once two consecutive elected terms have been served for any of these offices, a period of two terms must elapse before an individual is eligible for the same office.

Resolution No. 28

Support Repeal of the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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 state 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. 29

Oppose 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. 30

Specify constitutional authority for laws

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 (S. 109 in the 114th Congress) which states, "Each Act of Congress, bill, and resolution, or conference report thereon or amendment thereto, shall contain a concise explanation of the specific authority in the Constitution of the United States relied upon as the basis for enacting each portion of the measure. ... A failure to comply ... shall give rise to a point of order in either House of Congress."

Resolution No. 31

Oppose Unconstitutional Exercises of Power of the Federal Executive Branch

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. 32

Support requirement for legislative ratification of agency rules

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the precepts that the populace would have control over those who sought elective office by their vote and could indicate their dislike for their action at the ballot box - government by the people, for the people and with the people; and

WHEREAS, the complexity of technical, environmental and economic issues can at times require the reliance of these elected officers on the advice and investigation by forums of specialized expertise, but which remain outside of the control through the ballot box by the electorate; and

WHEREAS, there are several current issues which have negatively impacted state, county and city entities without their control or oversight by these same elected officers - for example: gender enforced bathroom rules on schools, public buildings and businesses; the water Growth Management Act which limited free use of private land without proper compensation or justification; forest management acts which had severe impacts on large regions of Washington state without adequate cost to payback justification; and numerous other state and federal education, environmental and health mandates;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that, as a matter of state and local governing; no policy, rule or law shall be imposed by these non-elected groups or officials which have not had a complete examination and vote of the elected officers. Until public and local hearings are held to examine all the economic, social and legal aspects, and elected officers have voted on them, all these findings and pronouncements shall remain moot and unenforceable.

Resolution No. 33

Republic vs. Democracy

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 Democrat 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. 34

Supreme Court Nominees

We believe that it is incumbent upon the President of the United States to nominate only those people who will uphold the vision of the Founding Fathers of the United States, as outlined in the United States Constitution, to the Supreme Court. We believe that only Constitutionalists should sit on the Supreme Court, and not those that would attempt to "Legislate from the bench". The Supreme Court's duty, and responsibility is to solely determine if a law agrees with our Constitution, and not to change a law that is not constitutional.

SHRINK GOVERNMENT

Resolution No. 37

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 39 years, and has a current budget of over \$30 billion, and that America is now more dependent on foreign energy sources than 39 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. 38

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 \$69 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. 39

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 \$8 billion and over 15,000 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, and 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. 40

Abolish the Department of Ecology

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Ecology has been in existence since 1970 and has an annual budget of over \$750 million and about 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, 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.

RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Resolution No. 41

Support the right to keep and bear arms

We support the right to keep and bear arms, as set forth in the 2nd Amendment in the U.S. Constitution. As such, we stand against measures that would take firearms away from those that possess them legally. We stand against any measure that would preemptively inhibit a person's ability to exercise their God given right to possess firearms, for any amount of time, without having been convicted of a crime. We stand firmly against any and all legislation enabling "Extreme Risk Protection Orders".

Resolution No. 42

Oppose "Gun Free" School Zones

WHEREAS, the unalienable right to self-defense innately belongs to all people with adults having responsibility to protect children; and

WHEREAS, protection of citizens is the first responsibility of all elected representatives including, governors, federal and state legislators, county commissioners, and school directors; and

WHEREAS, police response time to mass shootings averages at least 10 minutes but mass shootings average 5 minutes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eric Dietz (former Director, Indiana of Homeland Security) determined that with 10% of the work force armed and one armed school security officer, on school ground the fatality rate drops by 70.2% and response time by 62.7%; and

WHEREAS, David Kopel (Cato Institute) states only 7 incidents of school shootings occurred in 214 years before Congress passed the 1990 Gun Free School Zone Act (GFSZA); after GFSZA enactment and many state firearm bans, 78 mass shootings occurred on school grounds within 17 years; and

WHEREAS between 1977 and 1997, in states passing right-to-carry laws, multiple shooting attacks (two or more victims) dropped by 67%. Deaths and injuries from such attacks dropped by 71%; deaths and injuries from “rampage shootings,” fell by 94%; and

WHEREAS, states rather than federal law require schools to be “gun free zones”; and

WHEREAS, no firearms misuse by Utah’s armed public school staff has occurred in 14 years; and

WHEREAS Washington State, Colorado, and Virginia law allow universities and college boards to permit armed carry on campuses while Utah, Ohio, Texas, and Oklahoma law allow school staff to carry firearms;

THEREFORE, we petition our Washington state legislators and school boards to eliminate the GFSZA and provide trained K-12 school staff to protect students.

Resolution No. 43

Support Anonymous Reporting of Potential Violence to Protect Informers

WHEREAS, political correctness and politically left organizations intimidate citizens from reporting their observations of unusual actions indicating potentially aggressive or violent acts, citizens do not inform authorities because of fear of public accusations of bigotry; and

WHEREAS, mass killers often have suggested, indicated, or stated on social media, to medical professionals, school staff, relatives, or friends, their intentions for suicide or homicide before committing such acts; and

WHEREAS, neighbors who observed of the San Bernardino terrorists did not report suspicious activity before these terrorists slaughtered 14 and injured 17 more innocent people; and

WHEREAS in the 2016, Washington legislators introduced HB2823, to provide a program “(within the office of the superintendent of public instruction, to provide students and the community with the means) to relay information anonymously concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of these activities, to school officials and sought an educational program . . . designed to teach students about the “students protecting students program”; and

WHEREAS, anonymous disclosure of information concerning possible violence, suicide, or homicide would shield adults and school students from private and public recrimination;

THEREFORE, we petition our state legislators pass legislation such as HB2823 in the next legislative session to shield adults and students by facilitating anonymous reporting of possible threats to assist in prevention of violence, loss of life, serious injuries, emotional trauma, mental trauma, undermining of public morale, and destruction of property.

MISCELLANEOUS LAWS

Resolution No. 44

Support Foster Care Reform

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. 45

Oppose Marijuana Law created from I-502

WHEREAS, Marijuana ingesting, and growing contradicts Federal law. and has become dangerous and offensive to our communities, this newly enacted law needs to be over-turned; and

WHEREAS, since this new law took affect, many young people have increased drug use, which affects their safety and future of their health; and

WHEREAS, marijuana impairs drivers and causes more accidents to society; and

WHEREAS, growing of this substance has raised havoc in neighborhoods by making neighborhoods unsafe; and

WHEREAS, there is also a strong offensive smell and many neighbors are getting sick from fumes;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we oppose the law I-502 and wish to recognize federal law, which prohibits marijuana use and growing in our state and county.

Resolution No. 46

Oppose Immigration Amnesty

We stand firmly against any and all measures that would grant Amnesty to those that have entered, or remain, in our Country illegally.

Resolution No. 47

Oppose WAC 162-32 (transgendered use of bathrooms)

WHEREAS, the newly implemented Human Rights Commission (HRC) rule: "WAC Rule 162-32" places the comfort and preferences of one group of people over the safety and privacy needs of everyone else in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the HRC rule makes provisions in Washington's Indecent Exposure and Voyeurism laws impossible to enforce; and

WHEREAS, free speech is a nation-wide, constitutionally guaranteed right for all citizens, yet the HRC rule restricts free speech; and

WHEREAS, Washington State citizens are now subject to a rule which was passed with inadequate public input, by un-elected bureaucrats; and

WHEREAS, this rule creates an enormous financial and logistical burden on our public and private schools, swimming pools, and related businesses, in forcing them to create sufficient single-occupant showers and bathrooms for adults and children who would prefer not to share bathroom and shower-space with individuals of the opposite biological sex;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we strongly oppose this HRC Rule and any other rules which serve to reduce the rights of Washington citizens to protect their sense of privacy and safety.

MISCELLANEOUS

Resolution No. 49

Oppose Financial Support to those who oppose the United States

We believe that it is not in our nation's best interest to give money, or any military assistance to those countries that oppose the United States, and call for our destruction. We call for the United States Congress, and the President of the United States to immediately cease and desist any and all aid that is being given to the governments that are directly responsible for promoting the death of Americans.

Resolution No. 50

Support for Flat Tax

We call upon Congress, and the President of the United States, to change the destructive nature of our current tax laws. There are about 74,000 pages in the current tax code. We support changing the current tax system to a simple flat tax with standard exemptions, and the removal of any and all "tax loopholes", ensuring that all individuals that live and work in the United States, and Businesses inside America pay their fair share of taxes.

Furthermore, upon the passing of the Flat Tax, we call upon the Congress and the President of the United States, to reduce the size of the Internal Revenue Service, as it will no longer need the number of employees it currently has to process tax returns.