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**THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO THE 2016  
WASHINGTON STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM, FALL  
UNDER THE CATEGORY OF: RECOMMEND: DO PASS –  
FOLLOWING REVIEW AND ACTION BY THE 2016 WSRP  
PLATFORM COMMITTEE, IN MEETING CONVENED AT  
PASCO, WASHINGTON, 19-20 MAY 2016.**

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**PREAMBLE**

The Washington State Republican Party is dedicated to preserving a constitutional republic through active participation by citizens for the protection and preservation of conservative values including: the sanctity and dignity of human life; religious freedom; personal rights and responsibility; preserving a free society, free markets, and free trade; limited government; low taxes; minimal bureaucracy; national security and sovereignty; and private property rights. We believe that good citizenship begins with protected rights and ends with accompanying responsibilities. We believe that government should be the last resort for individuals and do only those necessary things that they cannot do for themselves.

We reaffirm the words in the Declaration of Independence, *"That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."* And, we maintain that the most effective government is that which is closest to the people.

To each generation falls the responsibility to uphold the values that have made the United States the freest, most prosperous, compassionate and successful civilization in history. As we confront security threats from international unrest and terrorism, economic threats from ever-increasing state intervention, and social and political threats from liberal cultural elites, we must also see these times as an opportunity to return to those principles that have made us great.

It has been over two centuries since our founders established the American creed — government under God and accountable to the people. We believe their vision is best preserved by supporting the principles outlined below.

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**RESOLUTION 00-02 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Jury Duty and Care of Dependents** – By The BENTON COUNTY Republican Party 2016 Convention

**WHEREAS**, the current Washington State jury duty system does not provide a temporary exemption or ongoing deferral for primary caregivers of dependent children and other dependents, but only a maximum two-year deferral; and

**WHEREAS**, providing this dependent care unpaid offers substantial social good to the larger community; and

**WHEREAS**, those primary caregivers for whom this jury summons is an undue hardship currently have no other recourse besides showing up in court without the dependents in their care; and

**WHEREAS**, the comfort, safety and well-being of the children, elders, and other dependent citizens in their care can be compromised by forcing the primary caregivers to find temporary care for a day or a few weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of years providing full-time care is usually a small chunk of one’s adult-citizen life, and primary caregivers would not need removed from the potential jury pool permanently, and not all primary caregivers would need this concession; now **THEREFORE**,

Be it **RESOLVED** that the Washington State Republicans support a state law providing an optional ongoing deferral or temporary exemption from jury duty for primary caregivers as long as their full-time care is required.

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**RESOLUTION 00-04 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Republican Candidate Qualifications**

We support only candidates who are trustworthy, have integrity, and high moral character, and who support the Washington State Party Platform, as well as the State and Federal Constitution they swear to uphold.

Respectfully Submitted to The Washington State GOP Convention, Pasco, WA, 19-21 May 2016 – BY: Michele Smith, Pierce County; Cheryl Cheslik, Pierce; Russell N Dzialo, Whatcom; Katherine Davis, Clallam; Ric Fritz, Pierce

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**SECTION 1: We believe CIVIL and RELIGIOUS LIBERTY protect the sovereignty of the individual citizen.**

Civil and religious liberties recognized in the U.S. Constitution are God-given and therefore unalienable. These fundamental liberties are proclaimed in The Declaration of Independence, protected in The Bill of Rights and reaffirmed in Article I of the Washington State Constitution, which include the freedom of association and the absolute freedom of conscience. It is the obligation of government at every level to observe, respect and secure these liberties.

Our freedom of religion ensures the individual's right to practice the religion of their choice, not only privately, but publicly. A citizen shall not be punished, persecuted or prosecuted for exercising this right, and businesses shall not be required to perform services which violate the religious beliefs of their owners.

The role of the judiciary is to uphold the law in a manner faithful to the legislative intent and the original intent of the State and U.S. Constitutions.

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**RESOLUTION 01-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Resolution on Freedom of Religion – By The 2016 KING COUNTY GOP Convention**

1. **WHEREAS**, freedom of religion is not about what a person does in the privacy of a church, synagogue or mosque. It is about a person having the right to act on his or her sincere personal religious beliefs in the public square;

2. **WHEREAS**, the Washington State Constitution guarantees: “Absolute freedom of conscience in all matters of religious sentiment, belief and worship, shall be guaranteed to every individual, and no one shall be molested or disturbed in person or property on account of religion;”

3. **WHEREAS**, the owners of Ralphs Thriftway pharmacy in Olympia have a sincere religious belief that the “morning after pill” causes a living child to die and their beliefs do not allow them to dispense this pill. There are 30 other pharmacies within a 5 mile radius that stock this pill so the state has no compelling interest in forcing this pharmacy to stock it. Still they have been forced to engage in debilitating litigation to protect their religious freedoms;

4. **WHEREAS**, the owner of Arlene’s Flowers in Richland believes God ordained the marriage sacrament between a man and a woman and, as a religious ordinance she is unable to use her creative talents as a florist to participate in a same-sex marriage. Obviously myriad other florists are available to provide flowers. She also is forced to engage in debilitating litigation to protect her religious freedom; and

5. **WHEREAS**, Attorney General Bob Ferguson has pursued both of these victims; now, **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, the WSRP Convention declares that (1) people should not be required to provide goods or services that violate their sincere religious beliefs absent a clear compelling state interest. The above two cases do not represent such a compelling state interest, and (2) we ask AG Bob Ferguson and the courts to recognize the importance of freedom of religion and to cease harassing Ralph's Thriftway and Arlene's Flowers.

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**RESOLUTION 01-03 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING A RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**WHEREAS**, The Puritan Pilgrims came to America seeking religious freedom from an established, state-supported church; and, by them our first written framework of government, The Mayflower Compact (1620), was written to maintain order and establish a civil society with just and equal laws;

**WHEREAS**, The first two elements of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution (ratified 1791) preserve and guarantee religious freedom, specifically stating that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”;

**WHEREAS**, The Republican Party (1854), birthed in a battle to extend these and other rights to all our fellow citizens, has faithfully advocated for policies protecting and nurturing religious freedom;

**WHEREAS**, The federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (“RFRA”) restored eroding religious rights by stating that the federal government may not impose on religious conscience by enforcing a law that “substantially burden[s] a person’s exercise of religion”;

**WHEREAS**, The RFRA, as applied by the federal government, has been a settled, helpful feature of American jurisprudence for more than two decades, and 31 states have enacted laws similar to the RFRA to protect against state infringement of the rights of conscience and of religious freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Human dignity and religious conscience have both been respected and upheld by the RFRA; **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, The Washington State Republican Party stands firm in upholding natural, human, constitutional, and, under the RFRA, statutory rights of the free exercise of religious freedom;

**RESOLVED**, The Washington State Republican Party supports and encourages the Washington State Legislature and Governor to enact laws that mirrors or is stronger than the federal RFRA to protect citizens' rights to lead all aspects of their lives according to their deeply held religious beliefs in public, at school, at the work place or on private property;

**RESOLVED**, The Washington State RFRA must mandate the use of the compelling-interest standard and least- restrictive means standards for legislation and law that involves free-exercise infringements on religious belief or practice; and

**RESOLVED**, The Washington State Republican Party maintains today (2016) that religious freedom continues to be a critically important factor in sustaining the legacy of freedom in America.

Respectfully Submitted to The Washington State GOP Convention, Pasco, WA, 19-21 May 2016 –  
BY: Dave Dormier, Pierce County; Marty McClendon, Pierce; Stephen Krigbaum, Whitman; Judith Cyrus, Klickitat; Todd Richardson, Asotin; Joy Caldwell, Skagit; Dan & Jan Matthews, Snohomish

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**SECTION 2: We believe LIMITED GOVERNMENT is essential to a free society.**

Our Founders created a Constitution of limited and enumerated powers, underscored by the passage of the Tenth Amendment. We uphold strict compliance with the constitutional limitation of the federal and state governments and believe limiting the role of government is essential toward building economic prosperity and fostering individual freedom.

Furthermore, the right to privacy is essential to individual liberty. The Fourth Amendment protects: *"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects..."* We assert that the government has no lawful authority to violate this security, unless a warrant has been issued. This warrant must not be general in nature, but one *"...particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."*

All citizens must be free from unnecessary intrusion and violation of their right of privacy, through data collection, storage and use, made without their knowledge or consent.

Because long-term entitlement destroys dignity, and creeping socialism enslaves and creates destructive expectancies and a dependency relationship, we affirm both the freedom and the responsibility of the individual in society.

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**RESOLUTION 02-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**A Call for Protecting our Privacy by The 2016 KCGOP Convention**

**WHEREAS**, Americans rely heavily on the security of our electronic data in order to maintain our privacy; and,

**WHEREAS**, the data encryption technology is crucial to maintain that privacy; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a growing threat of information security breaches such as ransomware; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Government has been responsible for major information security breaches of personal information for millions of Americans; and,

**WHEREAS**, we Republicans believe that Americans should be able to protect their own life, liberty, and property; now **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, the Washington State Republican Convention, calls upon the Congress of the United States to protect our privacy — by continuing to allow strong and independent encryption technologies.

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**RESOLUTION 02-02 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN OPEN INTERNET** by The 2016 KCGOP Convention

**WHEREAS**, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was meant to promote competition, reduce regulation, secure lower prices and higher quality services for consumers as well as encourage the rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies and has in fact done so;

**WHEREAS**, this deregulation has permitted an explosion of new and vibrant economic opportunities and made the internet an ever more necessary and valuable part of daily life;

**WHEREAS**, repressive governments everywhere view a truly open internet — and the free speech it enables — as a threat that must be blocked, censored and controlled;

**WHEREAS**, for twenty years, there’s been a bipartisan consensus in favor of a free and open Internet—one unfettered by government regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 the supposedly independent F.C.C. proposals to alter internet rules were significantly changed — improperly and behind the scenes — due to unusual and secretive interference and political pressure from the White House; now, **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Washington State Republican Convention, that our organization expresses its strong opposition to the stealth re-regulation and control of the internet by the Obama Administration and its allied commissioners on the F.C.C. under the false banner of ‘*net neutrality*’



and that we support returning to a lightly regulated and free internet that is responsive to consumer choice.

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**RESOLUTION 02-04 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Student Privacy Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, privacy rights of students and parents are not forfeited upon public or private school enrollment and attendance or providing home-based instruction;

**WHEREAS**, non-cognitive factors include, but are not limited to, such things as attitudes, beliefs, attributes, feelings, mindsets, social and emotional learning, metacognitive learning skills, motivation, grit, tenacity, perseverance, self-regulation, and social skills;

**WHEREAS**, the collection and retention of personal and non-cognitive data about students and parents is contrary to the right of privacy protected by the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) intends to begin assessing non-cognitive factors which may be in violation of federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed federal Strengthening Education Through Research Act (SETRA S227) expands research and the collection of student-level data to non-cognitive factors and social emotional learning and allows for sensitive data prohibited in surveys to be collected in curriculum and assessments; **THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that parents and eligible students shall be informed of the student-level data that is collected and who will have access to it;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that parents and eligible students shall be entitled to and guaranteed free access to any and all information collected about their child by a local school, the State of Washington, or contracted entities with provisions for correcting inaccurate information;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that local public and private schools or the State of Washington, or other entities, shall not collect and retain student-level personal and non-cognitive data through surveys, curriculum, assessments, or any other means without informed prior written parental consent.

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**RESOLUTION 02-06 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Resolution Regarding Electronic Privacy**

**WHEREAS**, our most personal information is now generally held in devices over which the average person has limited or no technical knowledge, and

**WHEREAS**, these devices can fail or be replaced, requiring backups off of the device, and

**WHEREAS**, almost no one has the capability to manage their own backups of these devices, and

**WHEREAS**, the backups of these devices are held by third parties, now **THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Washington holds that full Fourth Amendment protections must be extended to all data generated by consumer electronic devices which can be traced to the individual, that such data be considered part of their “papers” and/or “effects”.

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**SECTION 3: We believe that upholding our RULE OF LAW and JUSTICE is based upon our Constitution and Judeo-Christian heritage. This recognizes that LIBERTY and INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY best protect and promote a moral and just society.**

Laws should reduce and deter crime through the application of strong and appropriate punishment, up to and including the use of the death penalty. They should deter recidivism, require offenders to pay restitution, with the goal of reintegrating offenders back into society as productive citizens.

Effective criminal justice systems respect each citizen's right to not be held without charges or legal representation.

No one is above the law, and the rule of law shall apply to and be enforced upon all government employees and officials and all people equally. Legislators shall not exempt themselves from laws applicable to the people.

We oppose executive orders and executive branch regulations that override the will of the people by circumventing the legislative process.

We believe in the sanctity of a citizen's right to vote. A registered voter must meet established eligibility standards and show proof of U.S. citizenship. Voter Fraud must be addressed and eliminated at all levels.

We affirm both the State and U.S. Constitutions' strict protections for the individual right to keep and bear arms. We oppose mandatory gun registration, licensing of gun owners, and restrictions on law-abiding citizens' right to purchase, own and carry arms, ammunition, or their components. We call for the repeal of all laws and regulations which aim to impair or infringe the exercise of the right to keep and bear arms.

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**RESOLUTION 03-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**SUPPORTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT:** – By The 2016 KCGOP Convention

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution secures an individual right to bear arms for self-defense;

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court in McDonald v. City of Chicago in 2010 upheld that the Second Amendment applies everywhere, to the states as well as federal jurisdictions like Washington, D.C.;

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller in 2008 that the right to bear arms is considered a fundamental right; and

**WHEREAS**, the gun control lobbies are proposing new Washington State legislation that would undermine the rights of law abiding citizens; now, **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) Convention, on behalf of its members:

1. opposes 2016 - House Bill 1747 to impose criminal penalties for “child endangerment due to unsafe storage of a firearm” since there is an existing endangerment statute and firearms are at the bottom of the list of items causing injury and/or death to children;
2. opposes 2016 - House Bill 2461 to allow family members or law enforcement to petition the court to issue an “extreme risk protection order,” taking away someone’s Second Amendment rights without due process;
3. opposes 2016 - House Bill 2372 to permit law enforcement to destroy firearms that have been seized or forfeited. Existing law allows local municipalities to sell seized and forfeited firearms to raise money for local public safety; and
4. opposes 2016 - House Bill 2460 to allow local municipalities to ban the possession of firearms in public parks, recreational facilities, libraries and in all public transportation. Not only would this effectively take away the right of self-defense in these public places, but it would weaken the preemption statute and opening the door to allow for the local prohibition of firearms. The preemption statute is put in place to prevent local municipalities from creating a patchwork of complex and confusing gun laws that could ensnare gun owners unaware of the laws.

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**RESOLUTION 03-02 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Restore Constitutional Limitations on the Presidency – By The 2016 KCGOP Convention**

**WHEREAS**, Article I of the U.S. Constitution invests Congress with the sole power to legislate, and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama Administration has chosen to unlawfully appropriate that legislative power to rewrite the Affordable Care Act, implementing it in direct contravention of the text of the statute and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama Administration has also falsely invoked “prosecutorial discretion” in an effort to rewrite clearly defined immigration law, and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama Administration has been rightfully rebuked by the U.S. Supreme Court for abusing the recess appointment process by unlawfully installing officials onto the National Labor Relations Board, and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama Administration allowed officials in the IRS to carry out attacks on conservative political activists for constitutionally protected speech with no accountability for the lawlessness of those officials, and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama Administration has attempted to unlawfully regulate carbon emissions and seize control over large portions of our energy economy, and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama Administration's FCC commissioners have chosen to reclassify internet providers as utilities without any legislative input, further increasing the federal government's control over the private sector, and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama Administration has subverted the law by unilaterally imposing a bankruptcy settlement in the cases of the Chrysler Corporation and General Motors to financially benefit their political allies, **THEREFORE**, let it be

**RESOLVED**, that the Washington State GOP Convention declares it is unlawful for any president, Republican or Democrat, to seize legislative powers simply because Congress has not acted in the way that he or she prefers, and furthermore let it be

**RESOLVED**, that we urge all Republican candidates for President to repudiate the unlawful use of executive authority, and furthermore let it be

**RESOLVED**, we declare that such unlawful actions are the essence of tyranny and must be confronted legislatively and judicially in any way possible.

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**RESOLUTION 03-03 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Regarding Electoral Votes – By The Okanogan County Republican Party Convention**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington has 12 electoral votes to cast for President of the United States, based on one vote for each of the 10 Congressional Districts plus one vote for each of the 2 Senators;

**WHEREAS**, in the Washington State general election for President of the United States, the prevailing political party picks all 12 electors;

**WHEREAS**, Congressional Districts are set so that they provide approximately equal representation by population; and

**WHEREAS**, the winner-take-all selection of electors loses the equal representation by Congressional Districts; now, **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the electoral law for Washington State be changed so that the prevailing political party in each Congressional District shall choose the elector to represent that District, and that the remaining 2 electors shall be chosen by the political party which prevails state-wide.

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE OKANOGAN COUNTY GOP CONVENTION

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**RESOLUTION 03-05 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Support Repeal of the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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 U.S. 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.

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**RESOLUTION 03-06 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose Earmarks** – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

**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.

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**RESOLUTION 03-07 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Specify Constitutional Authority for Laws** – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

**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.”

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**RESOLUTION 03-08 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose Unconstitutional Exercises of Power of the Federal Executive Branch – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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.

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**RESOLUTION 03-09 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Support requirement for legislative ratification of agency rules – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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.

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**RESOLUTION 03-10 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Supreme Court Nominees** – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

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.

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**RESOLUTION 03-12 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose “Gun Free” School Zones** – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

**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.

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE CLALLAM COUNTY GOP 2016 CONVENTION

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**RESOLUTION 03-15 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Repeal the National Popular Vote (NPV) Bill – By The BENTON COUNTY Republican Party 2016 Convention**

**WHEREAS**, Washington’s legislature passed and then Governor Christine Gregoire signed the NPV bill in 2009;

**WHEREAS**, the NPV bill seeks to undermine the Electoral College set forth in the U.S. Constitution in the wisdom of our nation’s founders;

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Party Platform values state sovereignty and the NPV bill removes state sovereignty from presidential election process;

**WHEREAS**, the NPV bill would increase the power of vote stealing and other voter fraud; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPV bill would work in favor of the tyranny of the majority that the electoral college seeks to prevent; now **THEREFORE**,

Be it **RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Republicans urge the Washington State Republican Party to support the repealing of the Nation Popular Vote bill.

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**RESOLUTION 03-18 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Support Washington State Election Reform**

**WHEREAS**, the integrity of elections is the cornerstone of a representative republic;

**WHEREAS**, the 2000 Bush vs. Gore presidential election in Florida State was decided by 537 votes out of almost 6 million votes cast;

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 Rossi vs. Gregoire gubernatorial election in Washington State was decided by 133 votes out of 2.8 million votes cast;

**WHEREAS**, Vote-by-Mail is clearly susceptible to tampering, fraud and abuse, and ineligible voting; and

**WHEREAS**, in a narrow election a small amount of fraud may be enough to change the result;

**THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** that we direct Washington State to:

- Restore elections to Vote-in-Person;
- Require voters to provide picture ID that guarantees their eligibility to vote; and
- Implement a statewide voter registration system that prevents someone from registering to vote more than once.

Respectfully Submitted to The Washington State GOP Convention, Pasco, WA, 19-21 May 2016 –  
BY: George Hacker, Clark County; Stephen Krigbaum, Whitman; Dan Matthews, Snohomish; Jan Matthews, Snohomish; Joy Caldwell, Skagit

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**RESOLUTION 03-19 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**In Support of the Washington State Legislature Repealing I-594**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Washington defends the ownership and use of firearms, consistent with the Constitution of the United States of America;

**WHEREAS**, the legislature of the State of Washington had already passed sufficient legislation to provide processes and procedures to prevent the use of firearms to do harm as much as is humanly possible while avoiding infringement of citizens' right to keep and bear arms;

**WHEREAS**, there is no law in the nation that can prevent the possession and use of firearms by those who intend to do harm contrary to all laws, and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the State of Washington, by peoples' initiative to the legislature, passed into law the Washington Universal Background Checks for Gun Purchases, Initiative 594 (I-594) following a campaign estimated to cost over \$10 Million, underwritten by out-of-state anti-gun organizations;

**WHEREAS**, the campaign to pass I-594 was based on fear, false pretenses, and prejudicial polling;

**WHEREAS**, time and studies have shown that since the passage of I-594 NONE of the circumstances it was purportedly intended to prevent have been prevented;

**WHEREAS**, the passage of I-594 has, instead, infringed on the ability of capable and responsible firearms owners and organizations to train and instruct others in the safe handling, maintenance, and operation of all types of legally owned firearms;

**WHEREAS**, the deliberately ambiguous wording of I-594 has created confusion in the transfer of firearms on training ranges, in heritage and even in museum display, creating the need for additional laws to clarify the poorly worded legislation;

**WHEREAS**, I-594 has created a de facto tax increase by virtue of inserting a merchant middleman into a private sale of property, which tax increase does not outweigh the expense to the State of \$371,000 over the two-year period since passage as projected by the OFM;

**WHEREAS**, I-594 has enhanced the ability of the Federal government to expand and maintain a database of legal firearms owners only, without preventing even a single discernible criminal act; and

**WHEREAS**, under Washington State Constitution, Article II, Section 1, two years must elapse before a law may be repealed, and that two-year limit will have been reached in December, 2016; now, **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the WSRP:

1. Urges the Washington State legislature to repeal the law known as Washington Universal Background Checks for Gun Purchases, Initiative 594, as an ineffective and burdensome legislative maneuver by out-of-state entities which has shown none of the benefits promised to our citizens;
2. Urges that in conjunction with said repeal of Washington Universal Background Checks for Gun Purchases, Initiative 594, each legislative change that was mandated in that law be reversed in the various sections of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), restoring said sections to pre-I-594 wording and intent.

Respectfully Submitted to The Washington State GOP Convention, Pasco, WA, 19-21 May 2016 –  
BY: Terresa Hobbs, Island County; Sandi Peterson, Island; Judah Finney, San Juan; Michelle Loftus, San Juan; George Edmundson, Skagit; Graham Hunt, Pierce

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**RESOLUTION 03-20 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Right to Bear Arms** – By The 2016 Stevens County Republican Convention

**WHEREAS**, we support our second amendment and do not consent to any changes therein; and

**WHEREAS**, we do not believe that it is the right of the state or federal government to limit sales between Private citizens, transfer of firearms or to restrict firearm use of any make/model or limit magazine size or access to ammunition to a citizen of any age; minors with supervision/permission of parent and/or guardian or upon threat to life; and

**WHEREAS**, protection of life and liberty is paramount for elderly and disabled; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 9.41.113 is specifically contrary to these fundamental rights; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 9.41.042 is specifically contrary to these fundamental rights; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that any Bill, Law or Act that explicitly violates these rights restricting the free expression of the Second Amendment be repealed immediately; and it is our demand that the legislature uphold and defend these rights with no compromise.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that our elected representatives at all levels of government shall uphold the right of lawful private citizens to possess any lawful weapon upon their own and/or rented property or property where permission is granted by the owner whether it be private or public.

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**SECTION 4: We believe that NATIONAL SECURITY is a central function of government and that a STRONG AMERICA is a free America.**

A strong national defense is necessary for government to fulfill its primary function which is protecting its citizens and their individual rights. The security of our nation is the responsibility of government, military, law enforcement and a vigilant public. Peace comes through strength and deterrence.

A strong America is a force for good at home and abroad. Republicans support and honor the past and continuing service of all veterans and members of the United States' armed forces and the Washington State National Guard. At a time when the United States faces a variety of threats ranging from Jihadist terrorism, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and rogue regional powers, it is important to endorse policies that will ensure peace through strength.

Neither the citizens nor the armed forces of the United States must ever be subject to any foreign or United Nations' control or direction unless specifically authorized by an Act of Congress.

The safety of the United States and the stability of the world is undermined when a President unilaterally weakens our deterrence posture by announcing that he will not use all available military power to deter aggressive actions by other nations.

United States foreign policy should support our national security and economic interests. We support our allies, such as Israel, as well as people seeking freedom from repressive regimes.

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**RESOLUTION 04-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Resolution to Restore War-Making Powers to Congress By The KCGOP Convention**

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution invests Congress with the sole power to declare war, and

**WHEREAS**, Federalist #69 clearly explains that the power to declare war was invested in Congress to prevent an excess of executive war-making authority, and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama/Clinton foreign policy team chose to intervene in the Libyan Civil War, waging war against the Gaddafi regime without Congressional authorization, and

**WHEREAS**, this Libyan intervention led to great loss of life, including those of four Americans, and

**WHEREAS**, a similar assertion of unilateral war-making authority led the administration to draw a mythical "red line" against the use of chemical weapons in Syria, and

**WHEREAS**, both the unconstitutional action in Libya and the threatened unconstitutional action in Syria contributed to the region's instability, provided a haven for barbarous ISIS terrorists to operate and led to a dangerous loss of credibility for our foreign policy, emboldening our enemies, **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Republican Convention urges Republicans in Congress to use their appropriations powers to prevent presidents from waging unconstitutional wars, and furthermore let it be

**RESOLVED**, that we urge any Republican assuming the office of president respect the Constitutional limitations on their power and wage war only:

1. In response to an attack
2. In response to an imminent attack
3. When duly authorized by Congress

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**RESOLUTION 04-02 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose Financial Support to those who oppose the United States** – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

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.

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**SECTION 5: We believe the preservation of LIBERTY is dependent upon the sanctity of our NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.**

The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land. The President shall not negotiate, and the Senate shall not ratify, any treaties, U.N. resolutions, agendas or foreign law, religious or otherwise, that are contrary to the U.S. Constitution. Agenda 21/2030, the Kyoto Protocol, Sharia Law, and other agreements threaten our sovereignty. Therefore, judges, state and local authorities must be barred from using or applying foreign agendas, laws, and resolutions for the purposes of interpreting the State and U.S. Constitutions and laws passed pursuant thereto and must be bound by their original intent.

Command and control of the United States armed forces must never be relinquished to the United Nations or to any foreign power unless specifically authorized by an Act of Congress.

The sovereignty of the people of the United States must be protected and preserved.

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**RESOLUTION 05-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**A resolution of the Washington State Republican Party Convention assembled in convention this April 16, 2016. By The KCGOP Convention**

**WHEREAS**, the current administration has, in an act of extreme hubris, and without submitting it to the constitutionally mandated ratification process, entered into an agreement with Iran concerning its program of enrichment of uranium to a “weapons grade” level that ignores the following truths which are known to all;

**WHEREAS**, that since its inception the Islamic Republic of Iran has violated every standard of conduct between nations including the invasion of diplomatic missions, kidnapping of accredited diplomats, sponsoring innumerable acts of terrorism and the murder of citizens of the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the agreement the gave the Islamic Republic of Iran control over an enormous sum of money, thus, rewarding these past outrages and creating an incentive for it to commit even greater barbarities,

Inasmuch as Iran has through a long train of acts and pronouncements pursuing invariably the same object evidenced its hegemonic and genocidal intent the result of the administration’s fundamentally flawed agreement will be in the all too foreseeable future an Iran with the capability to turn its intentions into action.

**WE** the delegates to the 2016 Washington State Republican Convention, **HEREBY RESOLVE** for the reasons stated above, the next president, whoever it should be, shall upon entering office take any and all necessary and proper steps to abrogate that agreement at the earliest possible date.

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**RESOLUTION 05-02 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**WSRP Resolution Opposing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)**

**WHEREAS**, the Transpacific Partnership and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, negotiated by the Obama administration, will be cumbersome to administer; and,

**WHEREAS**, these agreements surrender U.S. sovereignty to international organizations; and,

**WHEREAS**, like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), these agreements are likely to force more manufacturing jobs out of the United States, now, **THEREFORE**, be it:

**RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Republican Party stands opposed to the Transpacific Partnership and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and calls upon the United States Senate to reject these agreements.

Respectfully Submitted to The Washington State GOP Convention, Pasco, WA, 19-21 May 2016 –  
BY: Ezekiel (Zeke)Lyen, Thurston County; Bea Christophersen, Pierce; Scott Whittington, Cowlitz;  
Michael Delavar, Clark; Katja Delavar, Clark

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**RESOLUTION 05-03 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose U.S. membership in the United Nations – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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 Washington State 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.

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**RESOLUTION 05-04 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose U.N. Agenda 21 (also known as “2030 Agenda”)** – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

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

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Republican Party is in agreement with and has passed a Resolution calling upon Washington State to withdraw from ICLEI and UN Agenda 21; now **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Republican Party adopts the 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.

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**RESOLUTION 05-05 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**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. – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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 than \$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 Washington State 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.

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**RESOLUTION 05-06 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

## **Oppose Climate Change International Treaties – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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 Washington State 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 (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the main cause of AGW; however, it has not been proven or shown that current CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 Washington State 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.

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**RESOLUTION 05-07 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Sharia Law** – By The BENTON COUNTY Republican Party 2016 Convention

**WHEREAS**, Sharia Law is not compatible with the laws of the United States and individual states; and

**WHEREAS**, it is particularly incompatible when applied to women’s rights, such as not being permitted to drive and designating how women should dress in public; now **THEREFORE**,

Be it **RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Republican Party affirms that the United States should never agree that citizens or permanent residents be permitted to practice Sharia Law rather than the laws of the United States and individual state governments.

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**SECTION 6: We believe our National BORDERS are best protected by a fair and enforced IMMIGRATION policy.**

The United States government must protect all of our borders from illegal crossings.

We support the immediate enforcement of all existing immigration laws to:

- Conduct proper security screening of all temporary workers, refugees, and permanent residents or citizen applicants;
- Monitor visa overstays and deport individuals whose visa has expired;
- Enact an effective temporary guest worker program;
- Sanction employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens;
- Deport aliens who commit felonies in the United States as our first enforcement priority; and
- Withhold federal funding from cities and towns that refuse to enforce federal immigration laws, especially sanctuary cities.

Federal, state and local entitlement programs, driver’s licenses and voting privileges shall not be available to those who are in this country illegally. In addition, we advocate securing our borders.

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**RESOLUTION 06-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose Immigration Amnesty – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

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

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**SECTION 7: We believe in restoring sound MONETARY POLICY.**

Inflation, skyrocketing debt, and global economic instability are the consequences of a debt-based monetary system utilizing fiat currency.

To restore long-term monetary stability, we support the creation of a commission to consider the feasibility of returning the U.S. dollar to the gold standard; and mandating periodic audits by the Government Accountability Office of the privately held Federal Reserve Bank and U.S. Government precious metals holdings.

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**NO RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS SECTION WERE PROPOSED**

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**SECTION 8: We believe in restoring sound FISCAL POLICY.**

Our national debt nearly doubled from 2008 to 2016 and reached catastrophic levels. We must not allow irresponsible government spending to burden our children with crushing public debt.

Furthermore, our debt is primarily a consequence of over-spending, not one of insufficient taxation. Increasing the already heavy tax burden will reduce incentives to work and invest, resulting in lower economic growth and higher unemployment.

We call for a restoration of long-term fiscal stability via a balanced budget amendment, a simplified and flattened tax code and a legislative super-majority required to increase taxes. We oppose the imposition of a state income tax.

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**RESOLUTION 08-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A VEHICLE MILE TAX / ROAD USAGE FEE – By The KCGOP Convention**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington has one of the highest gas taxes in the nation, and despite the funds appropriated from this revenue source as well as from property tax, car tabs, toll roads and taxes on the freight trucking industry, the State still wants more revenue;

**WHEREAS**, the State has appropriated money for a study on how to implement a tax for each mile we drive;

**WHEREAS**, the vehicle mile tax / road usage fee is not a legitimate way to tax the public. We have already paid taxes to build roads and highways, and the purpose for building a road is to use it;

**WHEREAS**, the vehicle mile tax will rob more money out of the pockets of fixed income households, working wage earners, and small business owners who rely on transport to deliver their services;

**WHEREAS**, we must protect our freedom of mobility in our privately owned automobile; maintaining our privacy from a State tracking system, **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Washington State Republican Convention, we oppose a State Vehicle Mileage Tax / Road User Fee.

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE KING COUNTY GOP CONVENTION

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## **RESOLUTION 08-02 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Support for Flat Tax** – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

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.

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## **SECTION 9: We believe ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ensures that each generation is better off than the one before it.**

The greatest economic opportunity can best be achieved through imposing as few restraints as possible on private property, industry, recreational opportunities and trade. Private sector job creation, entrepreneurship, and retaining business and industry in our country and state are best achieved by minimizing business and personal taxes, limiting regulatory law, adopting right to work legislation and removing prevailing wage laws.

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**RESOLUTION 09-02 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose Transfers of Union Funds to PACs – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

“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.”

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**SECTION 10: We believe that the FAMILY unit is the cornerstone of a free and moral society.**

We recognize and defend the unalienable right of human life, from conception to natural death. Public funding should not be used for any act, individual, or institution which violates the right to life of the innocent.

We believe it is self-evident that there are only two innate, distinct, and complementary genders, male and female, who may unite in a traditional marriage of one man and one woman, and who in union are genetically designed to conceive new life. It is the primary duty of parents, not the state, to protect, nurture and prepare their children for adulthood.

We believe it is the duty of Government to protect human life and promote healthy families by safeguarding traditional marriage. We strongly oppose the redefinition of marriage and family and the blurring of gender distinctions which threaten the personal safety and privacy of opposite gender children and adults in public toileting or bathing facilities.

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**RESOLUTION 10-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Resolution to Support the JustWantPrivacy.org Initiative – By The KCGOP Convention**

1. **WHEREAS**, the Washington State Human Rights Commission enacted WAC 162-32-060 which allows anyone to use the bathrooms, locker rooms and shower rooms that are opposite his or her biological sex if they only allege that they self-identify as the gender of others using the facilities;

2. **WHEREAS**, WAC 162-32-040 further prohibits “asking unwelcome personal questions” or “disclosing the individual’s . . .gender identity . . .or sex assigned at birth against his or her wishes;”

3. **WHEREAS**, it is not possible to objectively determine whether another person self-identifies as transgender or is faking it to gain access to voyeuristic opportunities;

4. **WHEREAS**, this law would allow a man, even a registered sex offender, to use a shower or locker room at the same time as a young girl and any effort to determine whether he really self-identified as a female or warn others of the situation would constitute illegal harassment; and

5. **WHEREAS**, JustWantPrivacy.org is pursuing an initiative to allow (but not compel) businesses to require patrons to use the private facilities consistent with their anatomical sex; now, **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Republican Convention officially endorses the initiative of JustWantPrivacy.org and encourages all to sign and circulate petitions and to financially support initiative efforts, and

**RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Republican Convention supports legislative efforts to accomplish the same purposes of the JustWantPrivacy.org initiative.

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE KING COUNTY GOP CONVENTION

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**RESOLUTION 10-03 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**My Choices Resolution** – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

**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”).

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE CLALLAM COUNTY GOP 2016 CONVENTION

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**RESOLUTION 10-05 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose embryonic stem cell research** – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

**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.

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**RESOLUTION 10-09 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**RESOLUTION to CONDEMN GOVERNMENTAL OVERREACH REGARDING TITLE IX POLICIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, A person’s sex is defined as the physical condition of being male or female, which is determined at conception, identified at birth by a person’s anatomy, and can be confirmed by DNA testing;

**WHEREAS**, Transgender policies deal with students who choose to be designated by their desired gender identity; an identity that conflicts with their anatomical sex;

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. Congress has never included gender identity within the Title IX Federal Law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity and that mandates allowing students of one biological sex to play sports designated for the opposite biological sex;

**WHEREAS**, Federal courts have ruled that Title IX does not extend to claims of discrimination based on gender identity and that schools can maintain separate restrooms, locker rooms and other facilities on the basis of sex where privacy is a concern;

**WHEREAS**, The Obama Administration’s Education Department’s Office for Civil Rights released an updated policy letter stating that Title IX’s sex discrimination prohibition extends to an individual’s chosen gender identity of male or female;

**WHEREAS**, Federal courts have ruled that the U.S. Department of Education’s interpretation of Title IX is not legally binding because the Department lacks authority to promulgate such an interpretation; and

**WHEREAS**, Policies of the Obama Administration, presidential candidate and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and public schools that allow any students to use the restrooms, locker rooms, or other facilities designated for the exclusive use of the other sex infringes on the rights of privacy and conscience of other students; and **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, Washington State Republicans would call on the Department of Education to rescind its interpretation of Title IX that wrongly includes facility use issues by transgender students;

**RESOLVED**, Washington State Republicans encourages our State Legislature to recognize that these Obama gender identity policies are a federal governmental overreach, a misinterpretation of Title IX policies, and an infringement upon the majority of students’ Constitutional rights; and

**RESOLVED**, Washington State Republicans shall encourage our state legislators to enact laws that protect student privacy and limit the use of restrooms, locker rooms and similar facilities to members of the sex to whom the facility is designated.

Respectfully Submitted to The Washington State GOP Convention, Pasco, WA, 19-21 May 2016 –  
BY: Sharon Hanek, Pierce County; Brenda High, Franklin; Amy Carver, Pierce; Linda Venable, Pierce; Kevin McBride, Okanogan, Philip Wilson, Mason; Olga Farnam, Snohomish; Joy Caldwell, Skagit; Pamela Pollock, King; Erin Aboudara, King; Doug Basler, King; Mar Jane Olson, Island; David Griffin, King; Neil Thannisch, Snohomish; Kaj Ahlburg, Clallam; LaWanda Hatch, Franklin; Michelle Andres, Franklin; Todd Richardson, Asotin; and others ...

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**RESOLUTION 10-10 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO WASHINGTON STATE, WAC 162**

**WHEREAS**, the changed additions and revisions by the Human Rights Commission (HRC) to “WAC Rule 162” 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 transgender additions and revisions to “WAC Rule 162” seriously increases the risk of sexual harassment and exploitation of females and children by paraphilic disordered males; *and*

**WHEREAS**, the HRC transgender additions and revisions to “WAC Rule 162” 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 transgender additions and revisions to “WAC Rule 162” 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**, these HRC transgender additions and revisions to “WAC Rule 162” can create an enormous financial and logistical burden on our public and private schools, swimming pools, and related businesses, in forcing them to install sufficient single-occupant showers and bathrooms for adults and children who could prefer not to share bathroom and shower-space with individuals of the opposite biological sex;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we strongly oppose the Human Rights Commission (HRC) transgender additions and revisions to “WAC Rule 162”, which serves to reduce the rights of Washington citizens to protect their sense of privacy and safety.

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**RESOLUTION 10-11 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Resolution Calling for Defunding Planned Parenthood**

**WHEREAS**, it is wrong to take the life of an innocent human being and abortion takes the life of an innocent human being; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Independence states that “All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life;” and

**WHEREAS**, The Republican Party at its core traditionally supports limited government and liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, Planned Parenthood has been receiving public funds from Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, Planned Parenthood has been caught selling the body parts of these babies; now **THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Republican Party supports the ending of Washington State public funding of Planned Parenthood and its activities.

Respectfully Submitted to The Washington State GOP Convention, Pasco, WA, 19-21 May 2016 –  
BY: Martin Mertens, Pierce County; Eric Minor, Pierce; Matthew Benson, King; Cynthia Stang, Mason; Judi Cyrus, Klickitat; Ric Fritz, Pierce; Jeffrey Helsdon, Pierce; Pamela Randolph, King; Katherine Davis, Clallam; Janna Anderson, Snohomish; Michael Munsey, Pierce; Cynthia Holt, Pierce; Dan & Jan Matthews, Snohomish; Vadim Kasko, Whatcom; Eric Wood, Pierce; Joy Caldwell, Skagit; Cory Kloepfel, Pierce; Russ Diazlo, Whatcom; D. Meledie Knoph, Snohomish; Erin Wilson, Mason; Cheryl Cheslik, Pierce; Tim Cheslik, Pierce; Suzanne Phillips, Snohomish ...

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**RESOLUTION 10-13 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Resolution calling for No State Funding for Sex Change Procedures**

**WHEREAS**, biological anatomy is a fact of life and gender confusion and its associated perils is generally a social construct; and

**WHEREAS**, God has created male and female and no operation can change that fact; and

**WHEREAS**, John Hopkins stopped doing these operations because they provide no overall benefit to the recipients; now **THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Republican Party opposes any budget measure in Washington State funding such procedures.

Respectfully Submitted to The Washington State GOP Convention, Pasco, WA, 19-21 May 2016 –  
BY: Katherine Davis, Clallam; Janna Anderson, Snohomish; Michael Munsey, Pierce; Cynthia Stang, Mason; Nathan & Natalie Zook, Snohomish; Philip Wilson, Mason County; Erin Wilson, Mason; Vadim Kasko, Whatcom; Joy Caldwell, Skagit; Matthew Miles, Mason; Ric Brian Fritz, Pierce; Eric Minor, Pierce; and others ...

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**RESOLUTION 10-17 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Resolution for the Protection of Human Life – By The ADAMS County GOP 2016 Convention**

**WHEREAS**, we believe in the sanctity of Human Life in all stages and ages;

**WHEREAS**, we believe that Planned Parenthood cannot support the sanctity of Human Life given their reliance upon abortion for the survival of their organization;

**WHEREAS**, it has been proven that Planned Parenthood participates in not only aborting Human Life, but in the selling of Human body parts; now,

**THEREFORE**, we call for the end of Planned Parenthood, its government funding and all support due to their participation in the illegal actions of selling Human body parts, and lack of respect for Human beings.

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: ADAMS COUNTY GOP CONVENTION

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**SECTION 11: We believe EDUCATION is critical to equip our children to be productive and responsible citizens.**

We believe the primary authority and responsibility of educating our children resides with the parents, including important moral, religious, and values-based education; therefore, we oppose mandatory religious instruction, sex education, homosexual, bisexual, transsexual education, or any other sexual education alternatives, death education, and values clarification by public schools or outside organizations. We believe these topics should be taught at home and not included in graduation requirements.

We support School Choice through vouchers including: home schooling, private schools, public schools, charter schools, and vocational and technical training. States may set minimum graduation requirements. Education priorities and curriculum should be determined at the local level but must include the study and understanding of the Constitution of the United States of America and our founding documents.

We support the elimination of the Federal Department of Education and returning its control and funding to the States. Teacher performance should be monitored and rewarded at the local level. We recognize that the educational needs of students vary throughout the country, which cannot be met with a single mandate requiring one size to fit all. We support the elimination of Common Core standards.

We believe a strong higher education and vocational training system is critical for economic vitality, therefore, the Federal Government should be removed from financial entanglements with Higher Education; and state supported post-secondary institutions need to give priority access to Washington state students. Colleges and universities should emphasize courses that promote understanding and a practical application of each discipline and avoid indoctrination and political correctness.

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**RESOLUTION 11-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose imposition of mandatory state preschool standards on private preschool programs via state and federal funds or other public-private partnership grants.** By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

**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.

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE CLALLAM COUNTY GOP 2016 CONVENTION

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**RESOLUTION 11-03 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose federal and executive branch control of education** – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

**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.

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE CLALLAM COUNTY GOP 2016 CONVENTION

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**RESOLUTION 11-05 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose federal education data tracking from birth** – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention

**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.

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## **RESOLUTION 11-09 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose the Washington State School Board Directors Association – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**WHEREAS**, Washington state legislators passed RCW 28A.345.050, to form the 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 policy-making, 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.”

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE CLALLAM COUNTY GOP 2016 CONVENTION

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**RESOLUTION 11-10 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Abolish the Department of Education – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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.

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**SECTION 12: We believe the greatest HEALTHCARE system in the world is best preserved by minimizing government control.**

Therefore, we call for the repeal of the 2010 *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, commonly known as ObamaCare; we oppose any single-payer system, and support legislation which incorporates the principles listed below

A competitive, free market-oriented healthcare system will produce affordable healthcare plans for consumers. This is accomplished through:

- Interstate competition among insurers and healthcare providers and organizations;
- Abolishing mandates which restrict or prevent catastrophic health insurance plans;
- Health savings accounts; and
- Tort reform.

Physicians, healthcare providers, pharmacy owners, and healthcare organizations must retain the right to exercise freedom of conscience to practice in a manner they believe is ethical.

The homeless, chemically dependent, and mentally ill are best served by local community-based, non-governmental and charitable organizations.

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**SECTION 13: We believe PROPERTY RIGHTS are civil rights.**

The proper role of government is to protect "life, liberty and property." Washington Republicans believe there is a fundamental relationship between free societies and the protection of private property rights. When governments unnecessarily withhold or expand the amount of land they own and abuse the power of eminent domain and regulatory takings, everyone's freedom is at risk.

We support strong laws that protect individuals' rights and property by requiring Federal and State agencies to uphold contractual and historical land rights for water, grazing, forestry, agricultural, and land management. Every person has the right to acquire, own, use, possess, enjoy, and dispose of private property as they see fit.

We affirm the Washington State Constitution that states, "*No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.*" For this reason, no government agency should participate in asset forfeiture without fair and impartial judicial process.

We oppose any governmental acquisition of private property for private development. We further oppose such acquisition for public use without constitutional due process and just compensation. Regulations that devalue real property constitute a taking for which the property owner needs to be justly compensated.

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**RESOLUTION 13-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose water rules that prevent property owners from utilizing their well water as permitted by the Groundwater Permit Exemption – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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.

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE CLALLAM COUNTY GOP 2016 CONVENTION

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**RESOLUTION 13-02 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**RESOLUTION PROHIBITING CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY DURING AN EMERGENCY – By The KCGOP Convention**

**WHEREAS**, citizens of this State shall have not only the right to be free from the mere physical restraint of their person, but have the right to be free to lawfully acquire real and personal property and to use such property in all lawful ways as they see fit;

**WHEREAS**, executive orders, declarations of state of emergency, and increased regulatory power are being used more frequently to evade the legislative process;

**WHEREAS**, historically liberty and private property rights have been abridged during emergencies and remain vulnerable to further erosion during future crises, **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Washington State Republican Convention that we support Washington State HB 2974 (2016) that would prohibit the confiscation of an individual's private, real, and personal property during an emergency.

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE KING COUNTY GOP CONVENTION

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**RESOLUTION 13-03 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**A Call for Protecting our Property by The 2016 WSRP Convention – By The KCGOP Convention**

**WHEREAS**, Americans cherish our freedoms; and,

**WHEREAS**, among those freedoms are the rights to life, liberty, and property; and,

**WHEREAS**, eminent domain abuse has allowed some groups of private individuals to collude with some political jurisdictions to confiscate the private homes and property of Americans for transfer to other private individuals and groups; and,

**WHEREAS**, such confiscation is often made for the purpose of increasing tax revenue; and,

**WHEREAS**, tax payments are already far too high for all Americans; and,

**WHEREAS**, we Republicans believe that Americans should be able to protect their own life, liberty, and property.

**WHEREAS**, this issue has come to the forefront in the 2016 Presidential campaign; now **THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the WSRP Convention calls upon the Congress of the United States and all Presidential candidates, to protect our property by committing to strict limitations on eminent domain takings.

PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE KING COUNTY GOP CONVENTION

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**RESOLUTION 13-04 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Resolution: Wolf Collar Data Availability and Map Accuracy**

**WHEREAS**, Department of Fish and Wildlife is obligated under RCW 77.12.885:  
*The department shall post on its internet web site all reported predatory wildlife interactions, including reported human safety confrontations or sightings as well as the known details of reported depredations by predatory wildlife on humans, pets, or livestock, within ten days of receiving the report. The posted material must include, but is not limited to, the location and time, the known details, and a running summary of such reported interactions by identified species and interaction type within each affected county. For the purposes of this section and RCW 42.56.430, “predatory wildlife” means grizzly bears, wolves, and cougars; and*

**WHEREAS**, the People are reluctant to report of sightings and conflicts to WDFW; and it is well known to WDFW that there is poor reporting participation and reluctance in the community to report sightings; and

**WHEREAS**, several Washington Packs do not have a collared member but its range from agency sources show they travel on private property without verification of their actual location; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been reports of wolves that den outside of the state and travel into Washington south of Newport, WA including depredations as far south as Asotin County; and

**WHEREAS**, WDFW collar data currently is time delayed, intermittent and does not indicate real time locations of an individual collared wolf; and

**NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED**, we support an accurate map data on the WDFW website showing general travel parameters of at least one collared wolf in a pack, which travels on private property or grazing allotment. WDFW must provide collar data to local government, producers and any individual who feels threatened by wolf pack activities.

Respectfully Submitted to The Washington State GOP Convention, Pasco, WA, 19-21 May 2016 –  
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**SECTION 14: We believe vibrant AGRICULTURE and NATURAL RESOURCE industries are critical to the health of the Washington economy and environment.**

Societies rise and fall based on the strength of the nation's agriculture. The free market is the best mechanism to secure a strong agricultural base. Abundant, domestically produced fertilizer, food, and access to water, essential technology and equipment are critical to our national security.

We insist on the return of federally managed public lands to the states as promised in the Enabling Act, excluding existing national parks, congressionally designated wilderness areas, tribal lands, and military installations. Federal public lands shall become state public lands to be managed in accordance with state and local plans. State or federal acquisition of land should be curtailed and procedures established for the disposition of lands for which there is no compelling public need. State trust lands need to be managed for the benefit of the entities entitled to their proceeds.

We encourage local government to fully utilize state and federal statutes mandating coordination with agencies in order to protect agricultural and timber industries from overreaching regulations in rule-making and plan revisions.

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**RESOLUTION 14-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Oppose Wild Olympics – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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.

**PASSED at / SUBMITTED by: THE CLALLAM COUNTY GOP 2016 CONVENTION**

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**RESOLUTION 14-02 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Support Review of Northwest Forest Plan – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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.

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**RESOLUTION 14-03 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Support placing county owned timberland under county management – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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 local County Commissioners, or their equivalent, to place an issue on their county ballot to move the management of the county-owned timberland to the 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 each 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 their county.

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**RESOLUTION 14-04 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO FACILITATE TRANSFER OF  
FEDERALLY CONTROLLED PUBLIC LANDS – By The 2016 YAKIMA COUNTY  
REPUBLICAN CONVENTION**

**WHEREAS**, at statehood, the federal government promised all states that it would transfer title to public lands within newly created states; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the United States has called these promises “solemn compacts” “bilateral agreements” and “trusts” that must be performed in a timely fashion; and,

**WHEREAS**, the states west of Colorado are still waiting for the federal government to keep the same promise to them that it made and kept with all the states east of Colorado; and,

**WHEREAS**, states like Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, and Mississippi were once as much as 90% federally controlled for decades; and,

**WHEREAS**, these “western states” (as they called themselves at the time) succeeded in compelling the federal government to transfer their public lands to state control because they understood the history of public lands, and the duty of the federal government to dispose of the same, by banding together and refusing to take ‘no’ for an answer, because federally controlled public lands prevented them from (i) generating tax revenues sufficient to educate their children, (ii) growing their economies, and (iii) responsibly managing their abundant natural resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite the fact that the promise to dispose of public lands upon being admitted as states, states east of Colorado contain less than 5% federally controlled lands, while states to the west of Colorado have more than 50% federally controlled lands; and,

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has done a poor job of managing said public lands, and federal forests resulting in massive and devastating wildfires throughout the west in 2015; in some cases barring intervention of state and local firefighting entities to assist in battling said wildfires, at an ever increasing cost to taxpayers and local businesses; and,

**WHEREAS**, state and local governments have a crucial responsibility to manage our abundant resources strategically, economically and prudently for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, 5% of the proceeds from the sale of public properties within the boundaries of Washington state are to be used exclusively for the support of our school systems and the education of our children; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington receives an average of 40% of its revenues via the federal government; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the State of Washington has continuously ruled that the citizens of Washington have failed to adequately fund the state's education system; and,

**WHEREAS**, under legislation that would facilitate the transfer of federally controlled public lands to state controlled public lands to be managed for multiple-use, including use for hunting, fishing, recreation, grazing, open space, economic activity and the sustained yield of our abundant natural resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, transfer of public lands has received broad support from Representatives and Senators in Congress, numerous state legislators, and other public officials, and private individuals and organizations across the nation as well as within Washington State; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington can no longer wait for the federal government to keep its promise to transfer public lands to the state to adequately and responsibly provide for the educational equality of our schools, the environmental quality of our forests and land, and the economic self-reliance of our State.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Washington State Republican Party, to wholeheartedly support any proposed legislation to create and facilitate a transfer of federally controlled public lands to state control to protect our educational system and our economic vitality; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Washington State Republican Party calls upon its fellow local, city, town, county, state, and federal elected officials, and concerned private individuals and organizations to exert their full influence and authority to secure the implementation and passage of such legislation.

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**SECTION 15: We believe America must balance our need for ENERGY with the conservation of our ENVIRONMENT.**

We support a comprehensive energy policy for the United States, allowing access to and use of its abundant energy resources, consistent with free market principles and minimal government regulation. Creativity, technological development and market-driven application of science and technology will determine the most efficient, cost effective and clean uses of energy, resulting in a prosperous economy.

We recognize that practices such as agriculture, timber harvesting and mining may change environments and landscapes and require practical stewardship to minimize negative impacts, prevent pollution, and promote a clean, healthy environment. Due consideration shall be given to the economic impact of environmental concerns and water rights on farming, forestry, property rights and other commercial activities. We therefore:

- Advocate pursuing independence from petroleum imports;
- Support investment in safe nuclear energy and the permanent disposal of nuclear waste;
- Insist that electricity created from hydro power plants be officially classified as renewable energy; and
- Oppose all energy subsidies.

Changes in climate occur naturally over time and warming from human-generated greenhouse gases has not been proven and should not be a basis for public policy. "Climate change" alarmism is a radical agenda driven not by freely-functioning science, but by cronyism between big government and institutionalized science. This results in:

- The suppression of free and open debate;
- The enrichment of certain favored parties at the expense of others; and
- A serious decline of liberty.

We maintain that debate over climate change and other scientific issues must take place without external pressure, and scientists must be free to present various theses without fear of retribution.

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**RESOLUTION 15-01 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Abolish the Department of Energy – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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.

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**RESOLUTION 15-02 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Abolish the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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.

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**RESOLUTION 15-03 – RECOMMEND: DO PASS**

**Abolish the Department of Ecology – By The Clallam County 2016 Republican Convention**

**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.

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**SECTION 16: We believe the TRANSPORTATION system is important to our economic survival and quality of life.**

Our transportation system, comprised of roads, rail, air, and waterways, as well as our ports and ferries, is critical to moving people and products in Washington. The highest priorities in transportation infrastructure should be congestion relief and the movement of goods and services. These priorities must be achieved through the construction and maintenance of general purpose roads.

Our state's limited transportation funding should not be squandered on commuter trains, light rail and concepts such as "complete streets". We support a transportation system that enables people to make free choices for themselves and their businesses, not one that attempts to manipulate and control how they travel.

Furthermore, we reject the policies of *Transportation 2040* with its ultimate goal of tolling nearly every highway in the state. We strongly oppose the imposition of a carbon tax. These tolls and taxes will impede the flow of people and freight in the state.

Transportation agencies must be accountable to the tax payers through ballot measures, performance audits and, as a last resort, the state Senate's confirmation process.

To prevent hidden transfer of funds from state to local governments, we call for the elimination of sales tax on all taxpayer supported transportation construction projects.

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**SECTION 17: We believe the INITIATIVE PROCESS is essential to providing a legislative voice for all the citizens of Washington State.**

The Washington State Constitution provides, "*The first power reserved by the people is the initiative,*" and, "*The second power reserved by the people is the referendum.*" These fundamental rights of initiative and referendum should be free from unnecessary and burdensome regulation imposed by the state. We support prohibiting legislative abuse of emergency clauses to circumvent the people's power of initiative and referendum. We support providing that the courts can only overturn an Initiative passed by the people if it is found to be clearly in violation of a specific provision of the Washington State Constitution.

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**NO RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS SECTION WERE PROPOSED**

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**AFFIRMATION**

The Washington State Republican Party reaffirms the principles of *The American's Creed*.

**The American's Creed**

*by William Tyler Page*

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

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**NO RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS SECTION WERE PROPOSED**