

RESOLUTIONS TO THE CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

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EDUCATION

Resolution No. 1

Support Parental Control of Children's Education and Upbringing

BE IT RESOLVED, that we support the following principles:

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

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

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

Resolution No. 2

Support Cursive Writing in Schools

WHEREAS, cursive (also known as handwriting) writing has been part of the school curriculum; and

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

WHEREAS, teaching cursive to children will allow them to read it, as well – to be literate in their own language. Many of the old historical documents are written in this style of English; and unless one can read the handwriting, there is no way to verify that what is being currently taught or said is true. It's always best to go to the "source" to verify the truth in any situation or issue. It links us to history, which is vital. "Those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it" (Edmund Burke).

WHEREAS, according to The Optometry Center for Vision Therapy (OCVT):
"When learning, forming letters by hand creates a connection with the movement

of the hand to the visual response of seeing the letter on the page. There are multiple processes coexisting simultaneously: the movement of the hand, the thought of the letter, and the visual cue of the letter. This is reading and writing concurrently, which is a necessary skill."

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

Resolution No. 3

Support vouchers and parent control of educational funding

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

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. 4

Oppose Critical Race Theory

We the Republican Party oppose the use of CRT(Critical Race Theory), as well as SEL(Social, Emotional Learning) curriculums and materials in our public or private schools. We oppose the use of any materials for students which encourage racial division, or the rejection of family and/or Judeo-Christian values.

Resolution No. 5

Oppose Washington State Board of Education

WHEREAS, the Washington State Board of Education Educational Equity and Inclusion Statement centers educational equity as a guiding principle in fulfilling its statutory charge, strategic planning, and policy making and using Educational Equity Lens as a guiding principle in its work, to address persistent inequities within our educational system; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature definition of Basic Education does not include the terms “Educational Equity and Inclusion” nor does it mention “Educational Equity Lens” in bill RCW 28A.150.210 which defines “Basic Education” as:

Basic education—Goals of school districts. A basic education is an evolving program of instruction that is intended to provide students with the opportunity to become responsible and respectful global citizens, to contribute to their economic well-being and that of their families and communities, to explore and understand different perspectives, and to enjoy productive and satisfying lives. Additionally, the state of Washington intends to provide for a public school system that is able to evolve and adapt in order to better focus on strengthening the educational achievement of all students, which includes high expectations for all students and gives all students the opportunity to achieve personal and academic success. To these ends, the goals of each school district, with the involvement of parents and community members, shall be to provide opportunities for every student to develop the knowledge and skills essential to:

- (1) Read with comprehension, write effectively, and communicate successfully in a variety of ways and settings and with a variety of audiences;
- (2) Know and apply the core concepts and principles of mathematics; social, physical, and life sciences; civics and history, including different cultures and participation in representative government; geography; arts; and health and fitness;
- (3) Think analytically, logically, and creatively, and to integrate technology literacy and fluency as well as different experiences and knowledge to form reasoned

judgments and solve problems; and (4) Understand the importance of work and finance and how performance, effort, and decisions directly affect future career and educational opportunities. [2011 c 280 § 2; 2009 c 548 § 103; 2007 c 400 § 1; 1993 c 336 § 101; (1992 c 141 § 501 repealed by 1993 c 336 § 1203); 1977 ex.s. c 359 § 2. Formerly RCW 28A.58.752.]

THEREFORE, be it resolved that: the Clallam County Republican Party, State of Washington, opposes the actions of the Washington State Board of Education that do not align with the wording of bill RCW 28A.150.210 as to the definition of a “Basic Education”.

UNIONS

Resolution No. 6

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

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

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

UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

Resolution No. 7

Oppose U.S. membership in the United Nations

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

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

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

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

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

and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that The Clallam County Republican Party in convention assembled respectfully but firmly calls upon Members of Congress to use appropriate constitutional authority in order to extricate our nation from the threat to freedom posed by the United Nations, thus we direct our representatives to focus first on preserving our sovereignty given to us by our Creator and guaranteed by our Constitution. To replace our wasteful and dangerous involvement in the United Nations with diplomacy through the State

Department, which will be the first and primary recourse when dealing with foreign governments, to the extent permitted by the U. S. Constitution.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the U.S. Congressional members to work toward this goal by co-sponsoring the United Nations Debacle Act, or the DEFUND Act, which would repeal federal laws — like the U.N. Participation Act of 1945 and the United Nations Headquarters Agreement Act — that tie the U.S. to the U.N. which would stop financial support from flowing into the global organization, and also prohibit the U.S. from getting involved in the U.N.'s peacemaking operations and formalize a withdrawal from U.N. conventions like the World Health Organization.

(<https://www.deseret.com/2023/12/7/23992299/utah-senator-mike-lee-defund-un>) .

Resolution No. 8

Oppose Laws Based on United Nations charters, protocols or principles

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

In summation, we the Republican Party do reject any and all policies, regulations or laws which require the total or partial relinquishment or subjection of our United States' Constitution, National Sovereignty, or Bill of Rights to any global government entity, or any U.S. government entity working on their behalf."

Resolution No. 9

Oppose World Health Organization's (WHO) Override of U.S. Sovereignty

WHEREAS, the Biden administration appears poised to sign a pandemics accord that would cede American sovereignty to the WHO without the Senate's advice and consent;

WHEREAS, It is the U.S. Senate's Constitutional duty to review and approve treaties;

THEREFORE, the Clallam County Republican Party opposes any presidential agreement to give authority to the WHO which would affect every citizen in the United States without any authorization or agreement from U.S. citizens through their elected Senators.

Resolution No. 10

Oppose Climate Change International Treaties

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Resolution No. 11

Oppose Wild Olympics

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

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. 12

Support placing county owned timberland under county management

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. 13

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

Resolution No. 14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. 15

Oppose Unconstitutional Exercises of Power of the Federal Executive Branch

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. 16

Support requirement for legislative ratification of agency rules

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. 17

Republic vs. Democracy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolution No. 18

Supreme Court Nominees

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

SHRINK GOVERNMENT

Resolution No. 19

Abolish the Department of Energy

WHEREAS, the U. S. Energy Department was established in 1977, that its purpose was to lessen America's dependence on foreign energy sources, that it has spent hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars over the years, and has a budget in the billions of dollars, and that America is now more dependent on foreign energy sources than when the department was created.

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

Resolution No. 20

Abolish the Department of Education

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Education has been operating since 1980 and currently has an annual budget of \$68 billion (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Department_of_Education) that Federal policies and mandates have been imposed on each State's own

education system, with disastrous costs and results, and that the quality of education in our public schools has not improved since 1980;

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

Resolution No. 21

Abolish the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been in existence since 1970 and has an annual budget of \$12.083 billion, and over 17,077 full-time employees (<https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/cj>) , that it has engaged in the regulation of greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act contrary to the will of Congress and usurping Congressional authority, and that it has been at the forefront of issuing regulations that threaten economic recovery, harm the international competitiveness of American manufacturers, drive American jobs overseas, and encroach on property rights, without engaging in a balancing of the environmental benefits and economic impacts of its regulations;

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

Resolution No. 22

Abolish the Department of Ecology

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Ecology has been in existence since 1970 and has an annual budget of over \$2 billion and more than 1,800 employees (<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/documents/2101005.pdf>) , 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.

HEALTHCARE

Resolution No. 23

Individual healthcare rights

We support individuals freely seeking their physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health. A healthy society is a stronger society.

Healthcare is a private decision for an individual. A healthcare provider can facilitate the best care when unburdened by the government.

Free market solutions provide the highest quality and most affordable health care. Government run healthcare results in a mass exodus of primary care providers and an explosion in costs.

We recognize some vulnerable populations need compassionate support for their health care.

Informed consent is vital to health care decisions. This must include the safety and effectiveness of any treatment or test.

RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Resolution No. 24

Support the right to keep and bear arms

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

ELECTION INTEGRITY

Resolution No. 25

Support in person voting with proper identification

WHEREAS; mail-in ballots do not maintain continuity due to multiple non-election staff involved in their transport;

WHEREAS; mail in ballots are subject to tampering before and after they come into the election center;

WHEREAS; mail in ballots have no accountability--the number going out does not match the number coming back and the number of ballots coming back does not match the number of "voted" ballots, valid or otherwise;

WHEREAS; the process of voting in-person and the pride one feels from casting a vote has been taken away by mail-in ballots;

WHEREAS; machine voting is expensive due to the cost of the machines and the labor/staff needed to administer machine scanned ballots during six-week election cycle;

WHEREAS; True Ballot and True Vote voting machines have been proven to be hackable in other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS; voters are disenfranchised by the delay in voting results due to mail-in ballots—six weeks total from the time ballots are mailed to certification, as opposed to SAME DAY VOTING with certification within a reasonable time period, no more than 10 days.

WHEREAS; ID's proving citizenship, age and residency are currently not required to vote, which enables fraudulent voting;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

We strongly recommend that in-person voting with valid ID, proving citizenship and residency, should be reinstated; all voting related machines be removed from the county elections offices with the exception of Assisted Voting Units (AVU) machines; and all ballot boxes be removed from each location; Voting should be conducted in each Precinct on Election Day, overseen by PCOs (Precinct Committee Officers) and/or PCs (Precinct Captains) from each political party.

MISCELLANEOUS

Resolution No. 26

Illegal immigration

We the Republican Party oppose the use of taxpayer dollars or any US government funds to support illegal immigrants in any way, or to provide any assistance in transporting illegal immigrants from outside the United States, into the United States.