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Proposed Platform Plank 2018 – 4

Submitted by: Ramona Grissom – Delegate, Kootenai County

WE ARE REPUBLICANS BECAUSE:

We believe the strength of our nation lies with our faith and reliance on God our Creator, the individual, and the traditional family, and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability, and responsibility must be honored.

We believe the United States Constitution is the greatest and most inspired document to govern a nation, and the republican form of government it gives us, (U.S. Const. art.IV §4), is the best guarantor of freedom in history.

We believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

We believe human life begins at conception and is protected by the unalienable rights endowed by our Creator along with the fundamental right to life and shall not be infringed upon.

We believe free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation and state opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

We believe government must practice fiscal responsibility, and that taxpayers should allow the government only the money necessary to provide appropriate functions.

We believe that our Founding Fathers gave us a government that is a servant of the people, not our master. ~~and the~~ The proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that, which individuals or private organizations cannot perform. ~~cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations.~~

We believe the most effective, ~~responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people~~ responsible, responsive government is government closest to the people, and the sovereignty of the state must be protected. That government is best that governs least.

We believe Idahoans must protect the principles and values that have made us strong.

We believe Idahoans value and should preserve our national and state strength and pride while working to promote peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

We believe the protection of individual rights is upheld when personal responsibility for behavior is exercised. ~~We believe that the rights of individuals can only be maintained by exercising personal responsibility for behavior.~~

We believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideas into positive and successful principles of government.

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Submitted by: Ramona Grissom – Delegate, Kootenai County

ARTICLE I. Responsibility in Government

Sec. 5 State Legislature

D. We believe the State of Idaho should strongly assert its sovereignty under the 10th amendment to the U. S. Constitution. The accumulated usurpations by the Federal Government of Idaho’s state sovereignty has reached a point of complete intolerance. The Idaho Republican Party hereby recommends that the Idaho Legislature and Governor nullify any and all existing and future unconstitutional federal mandates and laws, funded or unfunded, that infringe on Idaho’s 10th Amendment sovereignty. We also recommend that the State of Idaho continue to request funding and assistance from the Federal ~~Government which~~ Government which complies with the Constitutional provision of the 10th Amendment, and recommend that the State of Idaho resist the withholding of federal funds as a means of forced compliance with the unconstitutional federal mandates and laws.

F. We support amending the Idaho Constitution, ~~Section 2 art. III, § 2 (or Section 2) Article III,~~ as follows: Strike paragraph (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6). These ~~sections~~ paragraphs refer to reapportionment of the State Legislature by an appointed commission

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Article II Citizen Involvement in Government

Sec. 3 We believe ~~that~~ Primary elections in the Idaho Republican Party should be open to all people who have registered as Republicans prior to the primary election. To allow those who have no loyalty or allegiance to the Idaho Republican Party or ~~it’s~~ its platform and Resolutions to select our candidates is simply not proper.

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Submitted by: Ramona Grissom – Delegate, Kootenai County

Article XII. Economy

Sec. 3 Labor

B. We support education and professional technical education to develop a ~~well-trained~~ well-trained workforce.

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Submitted by: Ramona Grissom – Delegate, Kootenai County

ARTICLE III. Education

Sec. 1.a Our Nation’s Founding Documentation in Public Education - The United States of America was founded on legal, political and economic systems based on Judeo-Christian principles. We support curricula whose foundation, text and supplemental documentation are the original founding documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and Founders’ writings.

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Submitted by: Ramona Grissom – Delegate, Kootenai County

ARTICLE III. Education

Sec.1b Religious Freedom in Public Schools- We believe that school administrators and officials should not to infringe on Idaho school students’ and staff’s 1st Amendment rights to pray and engage in religious speech, individually or in groups, on school property without government interference. We believe the legislature should end censorship of discussion of religion in our founding documents and encourage discussing those documents, including the Bible as their basis. Students and district personnel have the right to display religious items on school property.

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Submitted by: Ramona Grissom – Delegate, Kootenai County

ARTICLE III. Education

The Idaho Republican Party recognizes that the future of this great state lies with our faith and reliance on God our Creator, in our strong efforts to uphold traditional family values, and in the quality of education provided for its citizens. We believe that successful education is a joint responsibility of the individual, the family, and the community. As with government in general, we believe the most effective, responsible and responsive educational system is that system closest to the people.

Sec. 1 We recognize the importance of early childhood education. We also believe ~~that the needs of early childhood education are best met by individuals, families and private sector~~ individuals, families and private sector best meet the needs of early childhood education. Only in the rarest of situations should government assume the responsibilities reserved to parents.

Sec. 3 We believe in improving the quality of education for every child by maximizing parental choice through expanded support for public charter schools, public virtual charter schools, school choice 5 programs, and ~~an accountable public school system~~ accountable public school systems. We believe all public school students are entitled to our support, and to fair and equitable funding.

Sec. 10 We believe competition produces excellence in education, and that parents have the right to choose which schools their children attend. We support the right of parents to pursue private parochial and ~~home school~~ homeschool options. Tax credits for non-use of public schools and other forms of parental choice should be encouraged as competitive options for educating children.

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Submitted by: Ramona Grissom – Delegate, Kootenai County

ARTICLE XIII. Health and Welfare

Sec. 2a Conscience Clause- All persons and legal entities have the right of conscience and should be protected under Idaho law if they conscientiously object to participate in practices that conflict with their moral or religious beliefs. This includes, but is not limited to, abortion, the prescription for and dispensing of drugs with abortifacient potential, vaccination, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, eugenic screenings, euthanasia, assisted suicide, harmful futile procedures, and the withdrawal of nutrition and hydration.

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Submitted by: Scott Herndon – Alternate, Bonner County

Article XIII, Health and Welfare, Section 2, add a new sub-section (E): *We support as supreme the authority of parents in all medical decisions for their children, including providers and treatments.*

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Submitted by: Scott Herndon – Alternate, Bonner County

Article XIV, American Family, Section 2, Traditional Marriage: We call upon *Idaho* government officials and legislators to protect the traditional family and use all means possible to prevent expansion of the definition of marriage beyond that of a bond between one man and one woman. *We recognize that the definition of marriage and its administration is not subject to federal authority and that Idaho is authorized to nullify any federal congressional act, federal mandate or court opinion that is contrary to traditional marriage.*

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Submitted by: Scott Herndon – Alternate, Bonner County

In Article XIV, American Family, Section 2, add a new subsection (B), and make the above statement subsection (A). New subsection (B): *We recognize traditional marriage without the issuance of a marriage license for those who for religious purposes object to the role of the state in licensing traditional marriage.*

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Submitted by: Scott Herndon – Alternate, Bonner County

Article XVI, Law and Order with Justice, Section 1, Gun Rights, add sub-section (G): *We find that the Congress violated the 2nd amendment's protections in the 1986 Firearms' Owners Protection Act when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) interpreted the **Hughes Amendment** as a prohibition on the civilian possession of any fully-automatic firearm manufactured after May 19, 1986.*