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Resolution 2019 – P1

A Resolution Regarding School Security

Submitted by: Bonner County Central Committee

Presented by: Maureen Paterson, Cornet Razor, Victoria Zeischegg, Monique Hutchings, Doug Paterson

Whereas, Bonner County Central Committee finds that because of the delayed response time for police and/or other emergency personnel in extreme situations; and

Whereas, in light of recent shooting incidents in schools, it is necessary for the safety and well-being of the students and employees to provide trained security personnel within the schools to intervene if deadly violence occurs or threatens; and

Whereas, in light of budgetary concerns, existing staff may be required to act as security personnel; and

Whereas, the federal Gun Free School Zone Act' authorizes firearms on school premises "by an individual as part of a school program" called a school security officer, and

Whereas, each school security officer must maintain requirements necessary to be properly insured and have an active concealed carry permit; and

Whereas, each school security officer should follow all of the District's requirements pertaining to this resolution,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Idaho Republican Party supports that one or more current employees of each School should be selected by the school's trustees to receive an extra-duty assignment as a school security officer and should be deemed employed as a school security officer.

Be it further resolved, that any employee designated as a school security officer in accordance with this resolution, should be, and hereby is, authorized to carry a concealed handgun on that School District's property while on duty as a school security officer.

Be it further resolved, that every school post, in an open and conspicuous manner, that it is protected by armed security personnel.

Resolution 2019 – P2

Resolution in Support of the President's Declaration of a National Border Emergency

Submitted by: Cornel Rasor, Bonner County Central Committee

Presenters: Doug Paterson, Cornel Rasor, Victoria Zeischegg, Monique Hutchings

Whereas, Article II — Section 8 of the United States Constitution declares "The President of the United States shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States and of the Militia of the several states," and therefore is authorized to determine how military funding and manpower is ultimately used to protect our country.

Whereas, Title 8 — United States Code Section 1182 (f) "gives the President the power to suspend the entry of all aliens whenever he finds their entry 'would be detrimental to the interest of the United States.'" As recently confirmed by the supreme court as a constitutional authority of the President allows him to close the border by any means necessary.

Whereas, the National Emergency Act of 1976" approved by Congress gives the President the authority to "declare a national emergency."

Whereas, the National emergency Act was amended in 1985 "to substitute a joint resolution as the vehicle for rescinding a national emergency by the Congress," we implore our Idaho State elected officials to oppose supporting any such action to terminate the President's declaration of a national emergency on our borders.

Whereas, the National Emergency on our Southern border has resulted in US Border agents funding and manpower being deployed from the post along our Northern border in order to help defend the South.

Whereas, in as much as each mile of border wall, fencing and state of the art technology will allow our immigration officers to redeploy their time more cost effectively at border crossings and, wherever else they may need to be, we fully support our President using all of the constitutional powers granted to the office, to declare a national emergency and completely build the infrastructure needed to meet the highest standards of security at our points of entry.

Further, we expect all of our elected officials to support the President's efforts and enthusiastically work towards providing any and all additional funding from Congress to meet the national emergency needs; to stop the access of illegal entry by people, drugs and human trafficking, without reservation and further delay.

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Idaho Republican Party resolve that we support our U.S. Border Patrol, Immigration Custom Enforcement Officers and President tasked with being our first line of defense for a safe and secure border.

Be it further resolved: The Idaho Republican Party calls upon the Republican central committee of all counties in Idaho to join us in this action by calling upon elected state and federal officials to act in protecting our safety and security by securing our borders with sufficient funding and manpower to protect our homeland.

Resolution 2019 – P3

A Resolution to Consolidate School Levy Elections

Submitted by: Bonner County Central Committee

Presented by: Danielle Ahrens, Doug Paterson, Monique Hutchings, Victoria Zeischegg, Cornel Rasor

Whereas, the IDGOP platform states in Article I, Section 1, Paragraph A: The Idaho Republican Party recognizes that all government is financed by taxing its citizens. We believe the size and cost of government, as well as the national debt, must be reduced.

Whereas, principles of sound government dictate that in a given locality all who will be affected by policies, statutes, levies and taxes should be afforded an opportunity to have a voice; and

Whereas, it is incumbent upon the state legislature to maintain equal access to voting regardless the type of governmental action, and

Whereas, County election process provides two excellent times per year, the May Primary and the November General election, that are already funded and well recognized as "when we vote" by the citizens Idaho; and

Whereas, many taxpayers are regularly absent on the dates used by the school districts of Idaho for school levy elections; and

Whereas, each additional calendar voting day adds as much as \$60,000 in expenses to a county budget in order to provide for a school levy or other special election; and

Whereas, consolidating those days into already existing dates such as the primary and general election will save taxpayer funds and lead to a higher voter turnout;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Idaho Republican Party formally encourages the state legislature to consolidate elections to the two traditional dates for voting: the primary in May and the general election in November.

Resolution 2019 – P4

A Resolution Rejecting Attempts at Removing the Electoral College

Authored and submitted by: Matthew K. Jensen, District 17 Vice Chairman

Whereas, one of the best reasons as to why our republic works is the Electoral College as prescribed and mandated in the United States Constitution; and,

Whereas, efforts have been made and are continuing to be made to end this prudent practice; and,

Whereas, under a national popular vote system, only 120 counties out of 3,007, comprising 8% of the area of the Union, would have effective control over 100% of the election; and,

Whereas, eliminating the Electoral College is antithetical to the values of the republic as enshrined in the US Constitution; and,

Whereas, a direct tally of votes is also inherently problematic due to widespread voter fraud; and,

Whereas, losing a major election should not elicit this kind of response;

Therefore be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the next meeting of the State Central Committee for consideration; and,

Therefore be it further resolved, that the Idaho Republican Party urges, in the strongest possible terms, its members in all levels and chambers of government to reject and condemn the efforts to remove or circumvent the Electoral College; and,

Therefore be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to everyone in the Congressional Delegation of Idaho, and all republicans in the Idaho Legislature; and,

Therefore be it further resolved, that in such an event as above, that the Idaho Republican Party compels its State Chairman to publicly condemn such an act.

Resolution 2019 – P6

Resolution in Support of Making Idaho a Wolf Hunter State

Submitted by: Clearwater County Republican Central Committee

Whereas, Idaho Wildlife Services confirmed a record 113 wolf kills of livestock during the fiscal year 2018 with 163 confirmed kills in calendar year 2018.

Whereas, actual figures are much harder to come by as many wolves killed animals are never found or the carcasses are too old to establish the death was due to wolves.

Whereas, moose, deer and elk populations have suffered catastrophic losses since forced introduction of wolves into the state.

Whereas, the large and growing wolf populations and their impact on the livestock and big game industries have detrimentally impacted the economy of Idaho.

Whereas, the rural counties, cities and school districts are especially detrimentally impacted by the predatory lives of wolves.

Whereas, the intent of this resolution is for the State to gain more control over the burgeoning wolf population in this State and to reduce the havoc these predators have upon the domestic livestock and wild game populations within the State.

Therefore be it resolved, the Idaho Republican Party wishes for the State Republican Committee to work with the Idaho Legislature to pass legislation making Idaho a “Wolf Hunter State”.

Be it Further Resolved, from the point of time this legislation is passed hunters will be allowed to shoot & kill an unlimited number of wolves with no interference from any State or local official.

Be it Further Resolved, residents from other states that wish to hunt wolves may do so by purchasing a special wolf permit for \$10 which permits them to hunt in the State of Idaho. These permits can be sold in unlimited numbers, but the wolf permit only allows these hunters to pursue wolves unless they have purchased the other necessary tags and licenses to hunt other game.

Resolution 2019 – P7

Resolution Supporting Multiple Year State Licensing for Recreational Vehicles

Submitted by: Latah County Republican Central Committee

Whereas, many of Idaho’s hard-working owners of boats, RVs, motorhomes, off-road vehicles, and campers are only able to get outdoors a few days each year; and,

Whereas, the current rules require that those same people spend precious time each year renewing their license for a maximum of one year at a time; and,

Whereas, it would save time, money, & frustration on the part of both taxpayers & their licensing office staff if taxpayers were allowed to purchase multi-year licenses for boats, RVs, motorhomes, off-road vehicles, and campers; and,

Whereas, Idaho is inhabited by good, freedom-loving citizens, and ought to set the example by promoting freedom from any regulations, requirements, or time consuming paperwork that can be alleviated;

Therefore, be it resolved that, the department of licensing allow for appropriately discounted 3 year and 5 year licensing of boats, RVs, motorhomes, off-road vehicles, and campers; and,

Be it further resolved that, the department of licensing examine ways to reduce tax-supported staff time dedicated to re-licensing while also reducing the cost, time, and effort it takes citizens to comply with state mandated licensing requirements, in order that these cost savings might lead to a more prosperous Idaho.

Resolution 2019 – P8

Resolution to Protect the Rights of Parents in the State of Idaho Concerning their Child’s Health, Safety, and Well-Being

Submitted by: Benewah County Central Committee

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

Whereas, legally fit parents are finding their parental rights violated when attempting to get medical treatment for their children; and

Whereas, the current environment of government-mandated vaccines in neighboring states has caused many families to consider moving to Idaho and other liberty-loving states; and it would benefit our state to have these freedom-minded individuals make Idaho their home; and

Whereas, 35 states include disability as grounds for termination of parental rights; DC and nine states allow physical disability as the sole grounds for terminating parents rights, even without evidence of abuse or neglect; and

Whereas, the LGBTQ+ agenda is working to compel children be trained in the use of gender pronouns; specifically, this agenda includes parents being accused of “abuse” if they do not accede to the wishes of their children to recognize their child’s gender identification, support the child’s transition, and/or use the pronoun of the child’s choice; and

Whereas, although Idaho law does not *currently* include government oversight requirements for privately homeschooling parents, there is a movement to undermine law-abiding parents and issue stringent guidelines for homeschooling families that mirror progressive states’ homeschooling laws; and

Whereas, it is Idaho law that children under the age of 17 be mandated to complete an expensive driver’s education course before obtaining a driver’s license; that a parent who wishes to teach their child to operate a vehicle is considered home education and should be treated as such; and

Whereas, children are too often taken out of their homes by the Department of Health and Welfare without evidence of abuse or neglect; and

Whereas, the state has a legitimate interest in protecting children from abuse and neglect, both of which are already illegal; therefore,

Be it resolved, that law-abiding parents should be protected concerning decision-making in the lives of their minor children and the State of Idaho will not make a “guilty before innocent” assumption toward

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well-meaning parents without a judicial order and the State shall not infringe upon parental rights without demonstrating that its governmental interest as applied to the person is of the highest order and not otherwise served.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Idaho Republican Party would support and encourage the passage of an amendment to the Idaho Constitution to protect the rights of parents over their children.

Resolution 2019 – P10

A Resolution of the Idaho Republican Party in Support of President Donald J. Trump

Submitted by: Idaho Republican Party Acting Chairman Jennifer Locke

Presented by: Idaho Republican Party Acting Chairman Jennifer Locke

Whereas, President Donald J. Trump is a pragmatic, energized President who shares and understands the values and will of the American People;

Whereas, President Donald J. Trump is governing on his campaign promises and has accomplished many positive actions for America during the first two and a half (2 ½) years of his presidency;

Whereas, President Donald J. Trump is a bold and innovative communicator who gets to the point of an issue succinctly, standing for American ideals and aspirations here at home and abroad;

Whereas, President Donald J. Trump has made gains which have benefited Americans no matter their ethnicity, race, or persuasion, with a new message of hope, opportunity, prosperity, and national security that has already improved the lives of millions of people;

Whereas, President Donald J. Trump is standing as a courageous leader for the American People because he truly loves the United States of America (USA) and puts our country first; and

Whereas, The Republican National Committee has adopted this same commitment,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Idaho Republican Party hereby offers its undivided support for President Donald J. Trump and his effective Presidency.

Resolution 2019 – P11

A Resolution Supporting Parental Rights in Sexual Content within the School Curriculum

Submitted by: Representative Barbara Ehardt, Bonneville County Central Committee

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Whereas, groups and agencies such as the Human Rights Commission, Planned Parenthood, the Task Force, the United Nation and various organizations of the LGBT community are actively promoting sexuality that teaches norms and behaviors that are antagonistic to traditional family values; and

Whereas, Idaho Republicans believe “that state and federal social and fiscal programs should reinforce parental responsibility and authority, and not promote or reward the disintegration of the family”; and

Whereas, certain agencies, organizations and unelected bureaucrats are aggressively trying to exploit the government education system to impose their preferred social change upon society and are specifically targeting the next generation of children; and

Whereas, the Department of Health & Welfare has already demonstrated their willingness and intent to by-pass parents by using the Department of Education with their Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program in applying for PREP (Personal Responsibility Education Program) grants whose curriculum teaches misguided and unsafe sexual behavior, teaches how to find an abortion clinic without consulting one’s parents; role plays sexual situations and more; and

Whereas, the Republican Party has long respected the rights of individuals (regardless of sexual orientation) and does not attempt to deny the free will of individuals to their own philosophy and behavior choices, but adamantly defends the right to be free from government mandates and interference in personal and social beliefs; and

Whereas, the new sex education and sexual content, already being taught in Idaho schools, no longer have to do exclusively with the physiology and anatomy of the human body but rather promotes and encourages all forms of sex and sexual relationships; and

Whereas, these suggested norms and behaviors violate the parent’s right and actively undermines their role to teach their child morals and behaviors that they deem best; and

Whereas, these norms and behaviors also violate the parent and child’s first amendment rights to exercise freedom of religion and freedom of conscience in choosing their morals; and

Whereas, parents have a natural and inalienable right to raise, guide and direct their children; and

Whereas, the State of Idaho codifies a parent’s natural and inalienable right and authority to oversee the raising and educating of their child in over ten (10) statutes and thus the government has no authority to supersede the right of the parent;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Idaho Republican Party expects that legislators will protect and uphold the rights of Idaho parents to guide and direct their children’s education – free from government

or organizations' agendas, in the form of sexuality and sexual education, that undermines a parent's natural and inalienable right to raise their children.

Therefore be it further resolved, that the Idaho legislature support parental rights in highly personal and sensitive sexuality instruction – and join our neighboring states of Arizona, Utah and Nevada – by passing “opt in” legislation for all sex education and sexual content in any subject or instructional material.