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Proposed Platform Plank 2020 – P1

Submitted by: Clark Albritton, Delegate – Kootenai County; Roger Garlock, Delegate – Kootenai County; Kris Phillips, Delegate – Kootenai County; Bjorn Handeen, Delegate – Kootenai County; Hari Heath, Delegate – Benewah County, and James McMillan, Delegate – Shoshone County

Add Section 5 to Article 4

Sec. 5 We support enhancing penalties for employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens in the agricultural sector

Proposed Platform Plank 2020 – P2

Submitted by: Lee Barron, Delegate – Camas County

APPORTIONMENT PLANK TO THE PLATFORM OF THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY

The Republican Party of the State of Idaho is disturbed by the ongoing usurpation by the Federal Government of rights and privileges that rightfully belong to this State under the Constitution of the United States of America.

The US Constitution guarantees this State a republican form of government under Article 4 Section 4 of that document. The 10th Amendment of the US Constitution gives to the States all the powers of Government that are not given to the Federal government and not denied by it to the States. There is no power given to the Federal Government or its executive, legislative or judicial branches under the Constitution to in any way dictate the apportionment or make up of State Legislatures.

We, the Republican Party of Idaho, believe that the citizens of the State of Idaho should apportion our Legislature following the model of representation in the Federal system in the Congress of the United States of America. We therefore, asserting our powers under the US Constitution under Article 4 Section 4 and the 10th Amendment, are urging the Legislature of the State of Idaho to propose to the people of Idaho a state constitutional amendment substantially as follows:

The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Idaho shall consist only of one Senator from each County of this State.

And:

The members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Idaho shall consist of at least 70 members and shall be adjudicated County by County on the basis that the number of citizens in each county bears to population of the whole State of Idaho, provided that no member may represent the citizens of more than one county, further that each county shall have at least one representative in the Legislature and provided further that no county may have more than 10 representatives.

Proposed Platform Plank 2020 – P3

Submitted by: Jeff Populus, Delegate – Kootenai County; Nathan Tull, Delegate -- Kootenai County, Barb Hedden, Delegate, LD4; Clark Albritton, Delegate – Kootenai County; Brent Regan, Delegate – Kootenai County; Bjorn Handeen, Delegate – Kootenai County; Hari Heath, Delegate – Benewah County, James McMillan, Delegate – Shoshone County, and Jeff Tyler – Kootenai Delegate,

Insert the following paragraph into the “We Believe” statements of our preamble, into the second position:

“**We believe** we are inheritors of a distinct Western Civilization and that our traditional culture safeguards our identity as a free people.”

Therefore, the first three paragraphs would read:

“PREAMBLE

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 we are inheritors of a distinct Western Civilization and that our traditional culture safeguards our identity as a free people.

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”

Proposed Platform Plank 2020 – P4

Submitted by: Scott Herndon, Delegate – Bonner County

Article I, Responsibility in Government, Section 5(D), amend as follows:

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, *federal court opinions*, 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 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.

Proposed Platform Plank 2020 – P5

Submitted by: Charles Horikami, Delegate - Bear Lake County; Rep. Chad Christensen, Delegate - LD32

WHEREAS the purpose of platforms is to express the principles that unite a group of people,

WHEREAS the current platform is filled with pet projects and specific issues that are better presented as action items in resolutions that we would want the legislature to focus on for that year,

WHEREAS we live in a time when a tweet wins elections and most voters want short answers to questions rather than long documents which they won't read,

WHEREAS President Trump tweeted on June 12th "The Republican Party has not yet voted on a Platform. No rush. I prefer a new and updated Platform, short form, if possible."

WHEREAS Other states including New Mexico and Wyoming have short platforms, and historic GOP national platforms have been short,

THEREFORE we propose that the Platform of the ID GOP be the following short document:

Idaho Republican Platform

Adopted June 27, 2020, Nampa, Idaho

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 and protected.

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

WE BELIEVE that the rights listed in the US Constitution and the Idaho State Constitution including the rights: to Keep and Bear Arms, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, and Due Process are paramount to a free people; and those listed are not exclusive of others not listed.

WE BELIEVE that these rights and human life begin at conception and are protected by the unalienable rights endowed on us by our Creator along with the fundamental right to life and that human life shall not be infringed upon.

WE BELIEVE the United States Constitution is the greatest and most inspired document to govern a nation, and that the republican form of government it gives us is the best guarantee of freedom in history.

WE BELIEVE as stated in the Idaho State Constitution that “the stability of a republican form of government depending mainly upon the intelligence of the people” should “establish and maintain a general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools.”

WE BELIEVE that every person should have the right to receive that education as they see fit, whether through public, private, or home institutions of their choice.

WE BELIEVE free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation and state opportunities, economic growth, and prosperity; and that a government's responsibility is to protect our capitalist economy by keeping regulations limited.

WE BELIEVE the government must practice conservative fiscal responsibility, and that taxpayers should only allow the government the money necessary to provide basic appropriate functions such as protection of rights, enforcement of contracts, and education.

WE BELIEVE our Founding Fathers gave us a government that is a servant of the people, not the master. Further, the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those limited critical functions listed above which individuals or private organizations cannot provide.

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

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 Idahoans must protect the principles and values that make us strong.

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

Proposed Platform Plank 2020 – P6

Submitted by: Scott Herndon, Delegate – Bonner County

ARTICLE XIV, AMERICAN FAMILY, Section 3. Right to Life, amend as follows:

A. We affirm that abortion is murder from the moment of fertilization. All children should be protected regardless of the circumstances of conception, including persons conceived in rape and incest. The federal judiciary has played the tyrant in dozens of Supreme Court pro-abortion opinions since Roe v. Wade, and Idaho has the sovereign authority to defy the federal judiciary and to criminalize all murders by abortion within the state’s jurisdiction. Until Idaho does:

AB. We strongly encourage adoption as an alternative to abortion and support legislation that expands opportunities and provides assistance to the adoptive process.

BC. We reaffirm our support for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, and for the rights of the unborn child. We oppose abortion based on sex selection, convenience, or as a method of birth control.

CD. We oppose partial birth abortion and support legislation to abolish this practice.

DE. We support parental consent for minors to obtain an abortion.

EF. We oppose the use of federal or state tax funds to aid in the destruction of human life.

FG. We oppose the use of Idaho taxpayer funds to finance so called “health” abortions.

Proposed Platform Plank 2020 – P7

Submitted by: Scott Herndon, Delegate – Bonner County

ARTICLE XVIII. ELECTION OF JUDGES AND IDAHO SUPREME COURT JUSTICES.

The Idaho Republican Party opposes any attempt to undermine the constitutional rights of the people to select judges and justices in an open and competitive election process. We support the election of judges in a partisan election process.

Proposed Platform Plank 2020 – P8

Submitted by Mark Fuller, Delegate – Bonneville County

Article I, Responsibility in Government, Section 6

Honest Elections and the Electoral College

We oppose the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact and any other scheme to abolish or distort the procedures of the Electoral College. An unconstitutional effort to impose National Popular Vote would

be a grave threat to our federal system and a guarantee of corruption, as every ballot box in every state would offer a chance to steal the United States presidency. We urge the Idaho State Legislature to oppose any attempts to modify the Electoral College or adopt the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Proposed Platform Plank 2020 – P9

Submitted by: Mark Fuller, Delegate - Bonneville County Chairman; Anthony Tirino, Delegate – LD30

Article XVII National Defense, Section 4, to include the underlined sentence as follows: Securing the Border

Revise Article XVII, Section 4, as follows:

Securing the Border. We believe that securing the national border must be a priority for our country. We support the construction of a border wall along the entire southern border of the United States.

Proposed Platform Plank 2020 – P10

Submitted by: Mark Fuller, Delegate - Bonneville County; Lisa Keller, Delegate – LD30

Proposed Platform Change - Preamble

WE ARE REPUBLICANS BECAUSE:

We believe in American Exceptionalism.

We believe the United States of America is unlike any other country on earth.