



2025 Resolutions Committee

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Postponed to Summer Mtg	2024-20	Idaho Republican Party to Move to a Simple Majority for Primary elections For All State Candidate Positions
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Rejected without debate.	2025-9	A Resolution to Ensure Active-Duty Military Are Never Denied the Opportunity to Participate in Party Elections Open to All Republicans
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PASSED	2025-12	Acknowledgement of Pride Events as Being Inherently Sexual and Denouncing the Use of Public Resources for Such Events Where Children May Be Present
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Rejected without debate.	2025-16	Condemn and Ban Weather Modification, Solar Geoengineering, and Any Other Polluting Atmospheric Intervention and Operation Within the Borders of the State of Idaho
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PASSED	2025-19	Resolution to Amend Idaho State Constitution Regarding Initiatives
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Rejected without debate.	2024-26	A Resolution Recognizing Idaho Election Success
Rejected without debate.	2024-27	Resolution Against an Article V Convention
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Resolution 2024-21

Title: Stopping Grizzly Bear Reintroduction

Submitted by: Custer County Republican Central Committee May 24, 2024; Lemhi County Republican Central Committee September 12, 2024

Passed by: Custer County Republican Central Committee, Lemhi County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Darr Moon, Joel Peterson, Dolores Ivie

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) was implemented in 1975 to protect Grizzly Bears and has continued to be challenged repeatedly throughout the years by the courts and the States. Today's managers say the Greater Yellowstone and Northern Continental Divide populations have recovered and are ready for delisting.

WHEREAS, on Jan 27th, 1998 Custer County Idaho Board of County Commissioners signed the "Unacceptable Species Ordinance" which states, "It shall be deemed unacceptable when the Endangered Species Act is employed to introduce or reintroduce any animal which is a threat to the public safety, and will therefore be the responsibility of the County Commissioners of Custer County, State of Idaho, to take any and all measures necessary to protect its citizens."

WHEREAS, in 2000 the US Fish and Wildlife Service announced a final plan to introduce at least 25 grizzlies into the Bitterroot Ecosystem of Montana and Idaho and was stopped in 2001 due to major opposition from the States, including a lawsuit from the Idaho Governor.

WHEREAS, in June 2013, Grizzly conflicts intensified in Montana Ranching Communities due to continued natural expansion from core habitat in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem which was followed in 2014 with Federal efforts introducing Grizzlies in the North Cascades.

WHEREAS, in 2018 a Grizzly bear was captured on the Stevensville, Montana golf course. This growth and expansion in Montana have led to more bear encounters with humans and domestic animals as well as livestock killed by predators being reported as 78 kills by wolves and 119 kills by grizzlies which cost the State of Montana over \$340,000 in 2021. This continues to rise.

WHEREAS, since the introduction of the wolf into Idaho, along with Idaho's other predators, such as the mountain lion, many state that Grizzly reintroduction will add to the reduction of deer and elk populations, threaten livestock and pose a danger to residents and outdoor recreators, and will have serious implications for private property rights and economic development.

WHEREAS, there is reason for having concern with FWS and IDFG decisions regarding Grizzly introduction. When they introduced and ignored diseases and parasite (hydatid) information spread by wolves and widely known by Biologists. Despite warnings from experts, they chose not to evaluate the impact with wolf recovery. As of 2009, two-thirds of Idaho wolf carcasses examined had thousands of Hydatid disease tapeworms. It has been documented that wolves carry the cysts and worms and have been distributors of the eggs that have infected other animals and humans with hydatid disease in Idaho.

WHEREAS, in 2024 Idaho pushed for settlement with the Feds on Grizzly delisting. Idaho's Governor and Congress continue their attempts to remove Grizzly protections under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Idaho and neighboring States have worked for over forty years in a board-based effort to support and sustain healthy and reasonable Grizzly populations in our States. Legal and bureaucratic gridlock has kept robust populations unnecessarily high under ESA protection. The population is estimated at over 60,000 bears with about 2,000 living in Idaho, Washington and Montana.

At the same time, on February 9, 2024, the US Fish & Wildlife service moved forward with plans to consider restoring Grizzly populations to a part of Idaho where they haven't been seen in decades.

WHEREAS, Montana's Grizzly Bear Advisory Council is a state-run initiative with the aim of "listening to Montanans" and "following their interests while also conserving bears." One of the most common arguments is everybody here is just tired of grizzly bears. "We're tired of conflicts. We're tired of not letting our kids play outside. We're tired of having to sacrifice our paychecks for the public's wildlife." One of the most common arguments heard from livestock producers: Liberal urbanites want predators back on the landscape, but they aren't suffering the consequences of a grizzly in the backyard.

WHEREAS, public policy for restoring the Grizzly bear is driven by environmentalists, such as the greater Yellowstone Coalition, the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, Wild Forever, and Y2Y which are calling for roadless areas to be kept roadless and roaded public lands to be reduced below one mile of road per square mile and that grizzly bear recovery zones be doubled in size to over 50,000 sq. miles.

WHEREAS, this method of governance is a long-term Design to eradicate private property and industrial civilization from at least half of the continental US, the Constitution, and to surrender our sovereignty to the United Nations in the name of protecting "biodiversity."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee believes federal government's overreaching actions of the introduction of Grizzlies into Idaho will greatly impact a variety of activities in our great State. For the safety of the public and Idaho's families, livestock, recreationists, and wildlife, we resolve that no actions be taken to introduce Grizzlies into Idaho's lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we believe that only apex predators such as the Grizzly should only migrate naturally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we believe that the Federal Government has no jurisdiction over Idaho decision making. Our Founders and ratifiers of the Constitution expressly rejected the notion the Federal Government has supreme sovereignty. Idaho has the obligation and right through the Nullification Act to not allow predators like the Grizzly to be restored into Idaho without the State's consent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we denounce the Federal Government's decision to keep Grizzlies on the Endangered Species List.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee asks that the State of Idaho declare nullification through the Governor and Legislature and that the Attorney General and Governor continue forward with delisting as well as any other means to assure Grizzly Bears or any other Apex predator is never imported into Idaho.

Resolution 2024-1003B

Title: Resolution to Implement A Life Sentence In Prison for Sex Trafficking A Minor in Idaho

Submitted by: Melanie Vander Feer

Passed by: Kootenai County Republican Central Committee on October 22, 2024

To be presented by: Melanie Vander Feer

WHEREAS, children are a gift from God and should be treated that way. Human trafficking of minors is one of the most heinous and heart wrenching crimes in America. Due to the defenseless nature of the victims, those who are found guilty should face the harshest penalties; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking has high returns. Sex trafficking alone has a market value of \$99 billion. According to Project Safe Child, at any given time, 50,000 predators are on the internet actively seeking out children. Every 40 seconds, a child goes missing or is abducted in the United States. Approximately 840,000 children are reported missing each year. According to the data from MissingKids.org, there were 128 cases of missing children reported in Idaho in 2021, that's an average of 2 a week; and

WHEREAS, Alabama has just enacted the toughest human trafficking laws in the country, making it a life sentence imprisonment for sex trafficking a minor. Additionally, Arizona currently has legislation on their November ballot, asking the people in supporting a life sentence if convicted as a child sex trafficker; and

WHEREAS, because of the severity of this crime and terrible impact sex trafficking has on minors, many state advocates for children are calling for tougher punishments for traffickers; and Whereas, current Idaho statutes say, a person who commits human sex trafficking of a child as described in section 18-8608, Idaho code, shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for a period no less than 10 years and no more than 30 years, or by a fine of no less than \$20,000.00 and no more than a \$100,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, there must be a line drawn in the sand, and Idaho should be leading the country to protect our children from predators, utilizing the most severe punishment for anyone who is found guilty of first-degree human trafficking of a minor; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee requests that the Idaho Legislature change Idaho statutes to make it a life sentence without parole for anyone who is convicted of sex trafficking a minor.

Resolution 2025-1

Title: Resolution to Amend the Flag Code With Respect to the Display of Flags

Submitted by: Lynn Bradescu

Passed by: Legislative District 19 Central Committee

To be presented by: Lynn Bradescu

WHEREAS, there is a growing level of disrespect for the American Flag, and for the flags of the military and the State of Idaho; and,

WHEREAS, local government entities are without clear guidance on what is an appropriate flag display; and,

WHEREAS, some local entities have permitted flags to be displayed that are supportive of ideas and principles that are not in keeping with the spirit of Idaho; and,

WHEREAS, such displays have the potential to result in significant legal action and expense when flags not in keeping with generally accepted societal norms; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports limiting the display of flags by any public entity to the American Flag, the Idaho State Flag, the official flag of any government entity, official flags of the military branches and units of the United States military, the POW/MIA flag, and official flags of Indian Tribes; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we direct the State Chairman to request the Idaho GOP Legislative Liaisons to work with their fellow legislators to ensure passage of the legislation.

Resolution 2025-2
Title: Make Idaho a Republic Resolution

Submitted by: Tammy Payne, Owyhee County Chair

Passed by: Owyhee County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Walt Holton, N. Marsing Precinct Committeeman

WHEREAS; Article 4 Section 4 of The United States Constitution States, states “The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government...”

WHEREAS; The Framers of said Constitution, gave an example through The US Constitution, as to what a properly formed Republic should look like.

WHEREAS; Article 2 Section 3 Of the US Constitution states, “The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State...”

WHEREAS; the purpose of Article 2 Section 3 was to give each State equal representation regardless of population, protecting the more agrarian States from urban rule.

WHEREAS; the current fashion The State of Idaho elects its senators, better resembles a representative democracy, than a republic.

WHEREAS; The State of Idaho has had heavy growth in its urban centers, largely from out of state

WHEREAS; Residents of each county in Idaho have a better understanding, of their culture, economy, natural resources, and strengths and weaknesses, than do urban residents in other parts of the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee recommends that following the example of the US Constitution Article 2 Section 3, that the State of Idaho should have one (1) senator from each county, regardless of population.

Resolution 2025-5
Title: Resolution to Allow 527 Organizations to Conduct Raffles

Submitted by: Steve Bender

Passed by: Ada County Central Committee

To be presented by: Steve Bender

WHEREAS; Idaho has a long and proud tradition of gun ownership and support for the Second Amendment, and

WHEREAS Idaho has a long and proud tradition of supporting non-profits through raffles, and

WHEREAS current Idaho law requires that anyone conducting a raffle must be a qualified organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c) to include (3) religious and educational organizations, (4) Civic Leagues and Employee Associations, (6) Business Leagues and Chambers of Commerce, (8) Fraternal Beneficiary Societies, (10) Domestic Fraternal Societies, (19) Military Posts and Organizations, 501(c)(4) religious or apostolic communes, and

WHEREAS 527 Organizations, to include political parties and campaigns are not included, and

WHEREAS it has been a longstanding practice of local political parties and candidates to conduct a firearm raffle as a fundraising event, and

WHEREAS the activities of 527 organizations are similar and parallel to those qualified organizations, and

WHEREAS current law therefore makes these activities by a 527 organization a violation of state law, and

WHEREAS the option for correcting this situation that supports the greater good to the citizens of Idaho is to include 527 organizations on the qualified list,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports amending Idaho Code 67-7702 to include 527 organizations among the qualified organizations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee directs the State Chair to transmit draft legislation to the Idaho Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee asks the Legislature to enact this legislation.

TITLE 67

STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 77
BINGO AND RAFFLES

67-7702. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Bingo" means the traditional game of chance played for a prize determined prior to the start of the game.

(a) Upon approval by the bingo-raffle advisory board, a licensee may offer bingo games in which players are allowed to select their own numbers if the cards used to conduct the games have controls that provide an audit trail adequate to determine all winning number combinations.

(b) Card-minding devices are prohibited. Autodaubing features are prohibited.

(c) Bingo shall not include "instant bingo," which is a game of chance played by the selection of one (1) or more prepackaged bingo cards, with the winner determined by the appearance of a preprinted winning designation on the bingo card.

(2) "Bingo-raffle advisory board" means a board of six (6) persons chosen by the governor to make advisory recommendations regarding bingo and raffle operations and regulation in Idaho.

(3) "Charitable organization" means an organization that has been in continuous existence in the county of operation of the charitable bingo game or raffle for at least one (1) year, that conducts charitable activities, and that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10), 501(c)(19), or 501(d) or 527 of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from income taxation under title 63, Idaho Code, as a bona fide nonprofit charitable, civic, religious, fraternal, patriotic, political, or veterans organization or as a nonprofit volunteer fire department, or as a nonprofit volunteer rescue squad, or as a nonprofit volunteer educational booster group, parent-teacher organization or association. If the organization has local branches or chapters, the term "charitable organization" means the local branch or chapter operating the bingo or raffle game.

(4) "Commission" means the Idaho state lottery commission as defined in section 67-7404, Idaho Code.

(5) "Duck race" means a charitable raffle played by releasing numbered, inanimate toys (ducks) into a body of moving water. A person who has been assigned the same number as the first duck to cross a predetermined point in the water (the finish line) is the winner. Other prizes may be awarded on the basis of the order in which the ducks cross the finish line. With the exception of determining "net proceeds," all restrictions and requirements applicable to the conduct of charitable raffles in this chapter shall also apply to the conduct of duck races.

(6) "Electronic bingo card" or "face" means an electronic

facsimile of a bingo card or face, from a permutation of bingo cards formulated by a manufacturer licensed in Idaho, which is stored and/or displayed in a bingo card-monitoring device. An electronic bingo card or face is deemed to be a form of disposable paper bingo card.

(7) (a) "Electronic bingo device" means an electronic device used by a bingo player to monitor bingo cards purchased at the time and place of a licensed organization's bingo session and that:

- (i) Provides a means for bingo players to input numbers announced by a bingo caller;
- (ii) Requires the player to manually enter the numbers as they are announced by a bingo caller;
- (iii) Compares the numbers entered by the bingo player to the numbers contained on bingo cards previously stored in the electronic database of the device;
- (iv) Identifies winning bingo patterns; and
- (v) Signals only the bingo player when a winning bingo pattern is achieved.

(b) "Electronic bingo device" does not mean or include any device into which coins, currency, or tokens are inserted to activate play, or any device that is interfaced with or connected to any host system which can transmit or receive any ball call information, site system or any other type of bingo equipment once the device has been activated for use by the bingo player.

(8) "Gross revenues" means all moneys paid by players during a bingo game or session for the playing of bingo or raffle events and does not include money paid for concessions; provided that the expenses of renting electronic bingo devices from a licensed vendor and the fees collected from players for the use of electronic bingo devices must be reported separately on the organization's annual bingo report and must be netted for purposes of determining gross revenues as follows: only fees collected from players in excess of the rental charges paid to licensed vendors will be considered to be a part of gross revenues; and if the costs of renting electronic bingo devices from a licensed vendor exceed the fees collected from players for use of electronic bingo devices, the difference will be considered an administrative expense for purposes of section [67-7709](#)(1)(d), Idaho Code.

(9) "Host system" means the computer hardware, software and peripheral equipment of a licensed manufacturer that is used to generate and download electronic bingo cards to a licensed organization's site system and that monitors sales and other activities of a site system.

(10) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization incorporated under [chapter 30, title 30](#), Idaho Code.

(11) "Organization" means a charitable organization or a nonprofit organization.

(12) "Person" shall be construed to mean and include an individual, association, corporation, club, trust, estate, society, company, joint stock company, receiver, trustee, assignee, referee or

any other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, whether appointed by a court or otherwise, and any combination of individuals. "Person" shall also be construed to mean and include departments, commissions, agencies and instrumentalities of the state of Idaho, including counties and municipalities and agencies or instrumentalities thereof.

(13) "Political Organization" means any Idaho political party of the state, regional, county or legislative district organized under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.

~~(13)~~(14) "Raffle" means a game in which the prize is won by random drawing of the name or number of one (1) or more persons purchasing chances.

~~(14)~~(15) "Session" means a period of time not to exceed eight (8) hours in any one (1) day in which players are allowed to participate in bingo games operated by a charitable or nonprofit organization.

~~(15)~~(16) "Site system" means the computer hardware, software and peripheral equipment used by a licensed organization at the site of its bingo session that provides electronic bingo cards or bingo card monitoring devices to players, and that receipts the sale or rental of such cards and devices and generates reports relative to such sales or rentals.

~~(16)~~(17) "Vendor" means an applicant, licensee or manufacturer, distributor or supplier, licensed or unlicensed, that furnishes or supplies bingo or raffle equipment, disposable or nondisposable cards, and any and all related gaming equipment.

67-7710. RAFFLES – DUCK RACES. (1) It is lawful for any charitable, political, or nonprofit organization to conduct raffles in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Any charitable or nonprofit organization or any person that conducts a raffle in violation of any provision of this chapter may be assessed a civil penalty not in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation. Additionally, any person knowingly conducting a raffle in violation of any provision of this chapter or rule of the state lottery commission may be charged under the gambling laws of the state contained in chapter 38, title 18, Idaho Code, and may be assessed a civil penalty by the lottery not in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation. It shall not constitute a violation of state law to advertise a charitable raffle conducted pursuant to this section. It is lawful to participate in a charitable raffle conducted pursuant to this chapter. A charitable raffle conducted lawfully pursuant to this chapter is not gambling for purposes of chapter 38, title 18, Idaho Code.

(2) Raffle drawings must be held in Idaho and shall be limited to twelve (12) per charitable or nonprofit organization per year, provided that this limitation shall not apply to public or private elementary schools, secondary schools, ~~or~~ higher education institutions located in this state, or political organizations. The maximum aggregate value of cash prize(s) that may be offered or paid

for any one (1) raffle, which is not a duck race is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and if merchandise is used as a prize and it is not redeemable for cash, there shall be no limit on the maximum amount of value for the merchandise. For duck races, there shall be no limit on the maximum amount of the value of a cash prize if the cash prize is underwritten by insurance. If a duck race offers a cash prize that is not underwritten by insurance, the maximum aggregate value of the cash prize(s) is one thousand dollars (\$1,000). There shall be no limit on the maximum of value for merchandise used as a prize in a duck race if the merchandise is not redeemable for cash.

(3) As used in this subsection, "net proceeds of a charitable raffle" means the gross receipts less the cost of prizes awarded. "Net proceeds of a duck race" shall mean gross receipts, less the cost of prizes awarded and the rental cost of the ducks used in the race. No less than eighty percent (80%) of the net proceeds of a raffle shall be used by the charitable or nonprofit organization for charitable, religious, educational, civic or other charitable purposes.

(4) Any licensed charitable or nonprofit organization conducting raffles pursuant to this chapter shall prepare a statement at the close of its license year and shall file such statement with the state lottery. The statement shall be prepared on a form prescribed by the lottery commission and shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- (a) The number of raffles conducted or sponsored by the charitable or nonprofit organization;
- (b) The location and date at which each raffle was conducted;
- (c) The gross revenues of each raffle;
- (d) The fair market value of any prize given at each raffle;
- (e) The amount paid in prizes at each raffle;
- (f) The amount paid to the charitable or nonprofit organization;
- (g) An accounting of all gross revenues and the disbursements required by statute and rule of the state lottery commission that shall be retained in the organization's records for a period of five (5) years.

(5) Every charitable or nonprofit organization whose annual gross revenues exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the operation of raffle events shall provide the state lottery with a copy of an annual audit of the raffle events. The audit shall be performed by a certified public accountant who is licensed in the state of Idaho and who meets the peer review requirements set forth by the Idaho state board of accountancy. The audit shall be submitted to the Idaho state lottery within ninety (90) days after the end of the license year.

History:

[(67-7710) 67-7706, added 1993, ch. 391, sec. 2, p. 1451; am. 1994, ch. 281, sec. 4, p. 878; am. and redesisg. 1995, ch. 350, sec. 9, p. 1158; am. 1996, ch. 382, sec. 6, p. 1299; am. 1999, ch. 134, sec. 1, p. 380; am. 2000, ch. 340, sec. 8, p. 1141; am. 2005, ch. 356, sec. 2, p. 1127; am. 2012, ch. 259, sec. 2, p. 721; am. 2013, ch. 251, sec. 8, p. 617.]

Resolution 2025-6

Title: Resolution Regarding Merchandise Sales by Political Organizations

Submitted by: Steve Bender

Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Steve Bender

WHEREAS; it is understood that contributions to candidate campaign are an exchange of financial support from a donor for an expectation of political support from the candidate, and

WHEREAS the Republican Party of Idaho supports transparency in campaign finance, and

WHEREAS current Idaho law requires that the name and address of every donor contributing aggregate donations of \$50 or more annually be reported to the Idaho Secretary of State, and

WHEREAS current law also requires that a candidate or PAC also maintain the name and address of all contributors of any amount, and

WHEREAS candidates and PACs routinely offer for sale merchandise, to include campaign signs, shirts, hats, buttons, and similar items, and

WHEREAS current law also treats as a contribution the sale of any merchandise, to include campaign signs, shirts, hats, buttons, and similar items as a reportable contribution, and

WHEREAS many Idahoans seeking to purchase such campaign merchandise while at events and local and regional fairs have expressed their displeasure with having to have their information recorded, and

WHEREAS the recordkeeping burden placed on volunteer staff to record each sale is excessively burdensome, and

WHEREAS the contributor receives a tangible item in exchange and not just the expectation of support,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports a limited amendment to Idaho campaign finance laws that permits reporting candidates and PACs to aggregate commercial item sales of less than \$100 without having to record or report each purchaser's individual name and address, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recommend the Sunshine Report filed with the Idaho Secretary of State include a new campaign merchandise sales section that reports only the total amount of the cost of the items sold, the total amount received from such sales, and the number of items sold, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recommend campaigns and PACs are exempted from receipt requirements under Title 36 that separately itemize sales tax, permitting any applicable sales tax to be included in the price of the item

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee directs the State Chair to transmit draft legislation to the Idaho Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee asks the Legislature to enact this legislation.

TITLE 67

STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 66

ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES — LOBBYISTS

67-6610. CONTRIBUTION IN EXCESS OF FIFTY DOLLARS. (a) Any person who contributes more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) (including one or more smaller contributions which aggregate more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) in any one calendar year) to a candidate or political committee shall accompany the contribution with a statement of his full name and complete address.

(b) If a political treasurer is offered or receives a payment or contribution of more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), or which together with prior contributions from the same person during that calendar year exceeds fifty dollars (\$50.00), and there is no statement of the full name and complete address of the person making the contribution, the contribution shall be returned to the contributor if his identity can be ascertained. If the contributor's identity cannot be ascertained, the contribution shall be transmitted immediately by the political treasurer who received it to the state controller for deposit in the public school fund.

(c) Notwithstanding the above, if any candidate or political committee shall engage in the commercial sale of merchandise either at an event or through on-line transactions, the political treasurer shall be exempt from recording and reporting each individual transaction as required under subsection (a), provided that

- i. the total amount of a single transaction is less than \$200,
- ii. the total amount of merchandise sales and total amount of the cost of goods sold are reported to the Secretary of State,
- iii. the items sold are available to the general public as a nominally retail transaction,
- iv. items of limited availability with a quantity of five or fewer items at the commencement of the event or sale shall not be included as a commercial item,
- v. notwithstanding any other provision of law, items categorized as commercial sale items shall be exempt from the provisions of Idaho Code Title 63, Chapter 36.

Resolution 2025-7

Title: A Resolution to Support Uniform Penalty for Drugs Harmful to Idaho Youth

Submitted by: Aaron Cook - Caribou Chair

Passed by: Central Committee of Caribou County, Madison County Central Committee

To be presented by: Steve Pinther - Chairman of Region 9

WHEREAS; substances that harm our children are currently illegal in Idaho, but prosecutors and courts in various jurisdictions apply inconsistent penalties;

WHEREAS, to address this, House Bill 606 was introduced in 2023 by Rep. Bruce Skaug to create a mandatory minimum fine of \$420 for possession (defined as less than 3 ounces);

WHEREAS the use of marijuana by youth under the age of 18 has now been shown to cause long-term mental and health effects including serious neurological disease; and

WHEREAS the journal Medical Express warned in November of 2024 that biotech advances enhancing the potency of modern cannabis have revealed previously unknown harms, noting that: “other health effects in chronic users have emerged, including severe cardiac problems and pulmonary disorders, especially in those vaping. Psychiatric problems—marked anxiety or panic attacks progressing to temporary psychosis and even schizophrenia-like psychotic illness—are presenting more frequently in emergency rooms. Cannabis addiction, once believed to be rare, is now a growing problem” [<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2024-11-today-potent-marijuana-spawning-health.html>]:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee supports legislation to create a fixed penalty for possession of less than 3 ounces of marijuana in Idaho; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that other like-minded organizations and interests in Idaho be encouraged to lend support to this needed criminal reform.

Resolution 2025-10

Title: Resolution to Empower Private and Community Healthcare Clinics

Submitted by: Craig Yadon - Bannock Chair

Passed by: Bannock County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by:

WHEREAS; access to healthcare is a reasonable Constitutional objective under the General Welfare Clause of the US and Idaho Constitutions

WHEREAS a healthy population ensures minimal economic impact, greater productivity and growth

WHEREAS Government programs like the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid Expansion have served to stifle competition in healthcare markets

WHEREAS Medicaid expansion has increased the government payer patient pool and as a result handed increased leverage to government payers in anti-competitive practices that negatively impact the sustainability of private healthcare providers

WHEREAS these anti-competitive practices have forced the closure, acquisition or consolidation of hundreds of private healthcare clinics (Bonners Ferry OB)

WHEREAS Idaho is a sparsely populated and largely rural state and rural communities are disproportionately affected by healthcare consolidation and closures

WHEREAS Idaho is best served by a competitive healthcare market

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports effective legislation to empower private and community healthcare clinics and discourages the anti-competitive consolidation of healthcare markets abetted by government favor.

Resolution 2025-11

Title: Censure of Hyrum Erickson

Submitted by: Keith Markle - Adams Chair

Co-Sponsors: Christy Zito - Elmore Chair, Heather Lauer - Blaine Chair

Passed by: Adams County Republican Central Committee, Elmore County Republican Central Committee, Blaine County Republican Central Committee, LD 23 Republican, Canyon County Republican Central Committee, Butte County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Bryan D. Smith, Mark Rhatigan, Heather Lauer - Blaine Chair

WHEREAS; the Idaho Republican Party (herein “the Party”) spent considerable time and treasure filing a successful lawsuit in federal court asserting its Right of Association under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution to close Republican primaries;

WHEREAS, the Party has officially opposed the liberal scheme known as Ranked Choice Voting designed by Democrats, leftists, liberals, Socialists, and Marxists to destroy the Party and turn Idaho blue;

WHEREAS, the National Republican Party also officially has opposed the liberal scheme known as Ranked Choice Voting designed by Democrats, leftists, liberals, Socialists, and Marxists to destroy the Republic of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature has officially declared its opposition to Ranked Choice Voting;

WHEREAS, Democrats, leftists, liberals, Socialists, and Marxists funded by millions of dollars of “dark money” defrauded voters in gathering signatures to place Proposition One on the November 2024 ballot to abolish our closed Party primary and to implement Ranked Choice Voting;

WHEREAS, even the United States Communist Party supports Ranked Choice Voting as a way of defeating Republicans from implementing the Party Platform;

WHEREAS, the Party was required to spend tens of thousands of dollars and countless hours defeating Proposition One when that money and time could have been spent furthering other Party causes including defeating Democrats at the ballot box;

WHEREAS, Hyrum Erickson, an elected Republican Precinct Committee Officer from Madison County serving on the Madison County Republican Central Committee, worked as the leading spokesman for Proposition One traveling the state speaking in favor of Proposition One at events, including media events, debating in favor of Proposition One, writing and publishing articles in favor of Proposition One, and doing all within his power to pass Proposition One;

WHEREAS, a supermajority of Idahoans (69.6%) voted against Proposition One;

WHEREAS, the Party does not have a mechanism to remove elected Party Precinct Committee Officers or County Central Committee Officers for aiding and abetting Democrats, leftists, liberals, socialists, Marxists, communists and the like in their efforts to destroy the Party and the ideals found in the Party Platform;

WHEREAS, the Party does not have a mechanism to prevent anyone from being deceitful in self-identifying as a Republican while in fact lending support to those seeking to destroy the Party;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee CENSURES Hyrum Erickson for misleading Idaho voters, for conduct unbecoming of an elected Member of the Madison County Central Committee, and for lending aid and support to Democrats, leftists, liberals, Socialists, Marxists, and even members of the United States Communist Party who sought to destroy the Idaho Republican Party by implementation of Proposition One.

Resolution 2025-12

Title: Acknowledgement of Pride Events as Being Inherently Sexual and Denouncing the Use of Public Resources for Such Events Where Children May Be Present

Submitted by: Lucas Cayler, Precinct Committeeman District 23-11

Passed by: Canyon Canyon Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Lucas Cayler, Precinct Committeeman District 23-11

WHEREAS; Pride Movement launched in the late 1960s concurrent with the sexual revolution; and

WHEREAS, the Pride Movement has, since its inception, been centered on the idea of celebrating non-traditional sexual relations and normalizing deviant sexual activity; and in recent years, expanded to embracing radical gender theory and fluid gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the Pride Movement’s historical underpinnings are rooted in Marxist ideology; and

WHEREAS, the Pride Movement’s contemporary form makes up a key ideological pillar of “Cultural Marxism,” which is disguised under the pretense of the social justice movement in the United States¹; and

WHEREAS, the Pride Movement is inherently sexual in nature²; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party “believe[s] that traditional family values are the foundation”³ of our national strength, cohesion, prosperity, and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party recognizes a child’s biological sex and believes it ought to be protected and respected; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party Platform affirms that intentionally confusing children regarding their biological sex is wrong⁴; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party rejects Marxism in any form; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party believes children should be safeguarded against sexualization; and

WHEREAS, per Idaho Code 18-1506, (c) it is unlawful to “Induce, cause or permit a minor child to witness an act of sexual conduct.” Sexual conduct is defined as being “(4)human masturbation, sexual intercourse, sadomasochistic abuse, or any touching of the genitals or pubic areas of the human male or female, or the breasts of the female, whether alone or between members of the same or opposite sex or between humans and animals in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification”⁵; and

WHEREAS, per Idaho Code 18-1513, the Idaho State Legislature is to “restrain the distribution, promotion, or dissemination of obscene material, or of material harmful to minors, or the performance of obscene performances, or performances harmful to minors. It is found that such materials and performances are a contributing factor to crime, to juvenile crime, and also a basic factor in impairing the ethical and moral development of our youth”⁶; and

WHEREAS, per Idaho Code 18-1515, it is unlawful for a person to “disseminate material harmful to minors”⁷; and

WHEREAS, events under the umbrella of the Pride Movement habitually include acts of sexual conduct, obscene material, and the distribution of material harmful to minors; and

WHEREAS, children and families should be safe in public spaces from being exposed to sexual activity or material; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee recognizes Pride Movement events as being Marxist and sexual in nature and we denounce the use of public resources for such events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee affirms that Republican elected officials ought not to use their offices to allow public resources to be appropriated for events that are sexual in nature where children may be present.

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Resolution 2025-13
Title: Legislator Salary

Submitted by: Nicolas Gatejen, Elmore County State Youth

Passed by: Elmore County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Nicolas Gatejen, Elmore County State Youth

WHEREAS; the Legislature is vested with the authority to reject or reduce rates of compensation and expenses established for service as members of the Legislature by the Citizens' Committee on Legislative Compensation pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section 23 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Republican legislators often run on the platform of conservative budgeting. However, since 2015 the appropriated State budget has increased 107%, far exceeding population growth and furthering our dependence on Federally controlled dollars; and

WHEREAS, with Idahoans facing increasing costs for essential goods and services such as food, housing, and energy, the Legislature must exercise fiscal responsibility by prioritizing the needs of Idaho residents over increasing government growth including higher legislator salary;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee opposes any rate of salary increase for Legislator positions until; they pass a conservative budget reducing total State appropriations by a minimum of 28% and eliminating the tax on groceries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairwoman of the Idaho State Republican Party shall direct the appointed liaisons to communicate the position of the Idaho Republican Party on this issue to fellow Republican members of the Idaho Legislature.

Resolution 2025-15

Title: To Fix Idaho's Foreign Invasion Problem

Submitted by: Nicole Hyland, District 11 Vice Chair-Canyon County

Passed by: LD11 Committee on 11-14-24

To be presented by: Nicole Hyland, District 11 Vice Chair-Canyon County

Proposed Text:

A resolution to specifically remove all foreign subjects in our state via illegal entry (on foot, by bus/automobile, by train or by airplane) and to declare these subjects as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) due to the increased criminal activity they have brought to the state of Idaho.

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho is a part of the United States of America (U.S.A.) and it has its own state sovereignty.

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence clearly states,
“But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.” Meaning, as a state, we have the responsibility to protect our communities regardless of what the federal government has forced upon us.

WHEREAS, Theo Wold, former Idaho Solicitor General and former Deputy Assistant to President Trump for Policy in the Office of American Innovation, has stated (as of 5/24/2024 via “X” platform) the following:

This isn't Los Angeles or El Paso. This is Boise, Idaho.
3 busloads of illegal aliens dropped off within 15 minutes of each other. The Biden Admin continues to use the illegal alien invasion to radically remake our nation's political landscape, especially in Red States.

And again, as of 10/27/2024 via “X” platform) Wold stated:

“In Ketchum, Idaho:
Hundreds of illegal immigrant families arrive from Peru.
Most do not speak English or Spanish, but indigenous Quechuan.
They have NO work visas.
Many have no shelter, with winter approaching.
Americans are generous, but generosity can't solve this problem.
Kamala Harris' illegal immigration invasion is greater than the resources available in most American towns; greater than a small community can absorb safely, no matter how generous the taxpayers are.
Border Czar Kamala Harris designed the problem this way: she wants to weaponize your generosity for millions of foreign nationals while your children drown in a sea of violent crime and illegal drugs.”

WHEREAS, according to Tom Fitton at Judicial Watch, he writes,
“ICE Issues Half the Detainers for Criminal Aliens in Local Custody under Biden than President Trump.” And “As a result, criminal aliens released inside the country are committing crimes

against Americans at an alarming rate, according to a report published just weeks ago by the House Judiciary Committee. The probe found that, of the millions of illegal immigrants who have entered the United States under the Biden administration's disastrous open border policies, over 617,000 have criminal records and they are victimizing Americans and terrorizing communities throughout the nation."

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee (USHRJC) Chairman, Jim Jordan, written in his Executive Summary of the document,

"In less than four years, the Biden-Harris Administration has released into the United States more than 5.6 million illegal aliens, with another 1.9 million illegal alien "gotaways" escaping into the country during the same time. That chaos at the southwest border, created and incentivized by the radical policies of President Joe Biden and "Border Czar" Vice President Kamala Harris, has led to insecurity in the interior of the country. Too many of the illegal aliens allowed into the country by the Biden- Harris administration commit crimes against Americans and other U.S. residents. While the Administration misleadingly claims that illegal aliens are fully screened for criminality at the border, former U.S. border Patrol Chief Rodney Scott has admitted that the "vetting" process is the equivalent of checking aliens "against" a blank sheet of paper."

WHEREAS, according to USHRJC Chairman, Jordan, he states,

"Every community in the country suffers from the consequences of the Biden-Harris border crisis and the Biden-Harris Administration's lack of immigration enforcement. With illegal aliens released by the Biden-Harris administration committing crimes across the country, every American community has become a border community. In a recent transcribed interview before the Committee, one senior Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) official admitted that instead of arresting illegal aliens who pose public safety threats and national security threats at the border, some ICE officers have been reassigned to tasks that facilitate illegal alien releases into the United States." "As the committee documented in an April 2024 report, ICE has instructed its officers to first consider irrelevant factors before ever arresting a criminal alien."

WHEREAS, according to the USHRJC report, ICE has not been able to properly do their job. Jordan states,

"For example, in fiscal year 2023, ICE removed 41% fewer aliens with criminal convictions and criminal charges than in fiscal year 2020- and nearly 60% fewer than in fiscal year 2019. As a result, the number of criminal aliens free in the United States totaled more than 617,000 by December 2023—and is likely growing daily because of the border crisis."

WHEREAS white buses with blacked-out windows are frequently observed by eyewitnesses to be dropping off presumed illegals, mostly military-aged young men, in our communities and randomly on our streets.

WHEREAS recently KTVB reported an Idaho teen that has been found across state lines in a sex trafficking contract. (See works cited page for article link.)

WHEREAS surrounding or nearby states (such as Colorado) have communities that have been infiltrated with violent gangs (such as Tren de Aragua) taking over apartment complexes and rural communities via fear, threat, violence, rape and death. (See works cited page for article link.)

WHEREAS over 325,000 children have gone missing at the border, and it is presumed they are either sold as commodities in sex trafficking circles, left for dead on the caravan trail or have been killed since coming into our great country.

WHEREAS President Donald J. Trump has been elected to serve another presidential term on 11/5/2024. And has avowed to take care of the illegal alien problems on “Day 1” of his new presidential term (January 20, 2025.) And as of 11/12/2024, POTUS announced that Thomas Homan will be the new “Border Czar.” However, even with this great news, Idahoans cannot and should not be forced to “deal with” another day of the current administration's inaction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee asks that our law enforcement entities from County Sheriff, Border Control, ICE, Idaho State Police to all local City Police entities be allowed and provided adequate resources to successfully remove the dangers due to this type of invasion in Idaho.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage Idaho government and law enforcement, in all capacities, make this a priority to protect Idaho communities, which have already seen an influx of population and an increase of crime across our state.

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Resolution 2025-17
Title: A Resolution to Further Secure Idaho Elections

Submitted by: Jackie Davidson PC 1614

Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Jackie Davidson PC 1614

WHEREAS, Heritage, a prominent conservative think tank, has currently ranked Idaho as 28th in the nation on election integrity legislation;

WHEREAS multiple elections have been compromised or overturned in recent years because of absentee voting fraud, including Bridgeport Connecticut, Miami Florida, East Chicago Indiana, and North Carolina's 9th District;

WHEREAS the integrity of absentee ballots sent through the United States Postal Service (USPS) is not comparable to in-person voting ballots due to the lack of chain of custody information;

WHEREAS a study of ballots lost in the mail showed that over 7 million ballots nationally went missing annually in the USPS;

WHEREAS absentee ballots in Idaho routinely have a percentage that are not accepted due to missing signatures or dates or because voters made mistakes casting their ballots that would have been caught had they voted in person;

WHEREAS high level representatives of Election Systems & Software (ES&S), the primary provider of voting systems in Idaho and the largest provider of voting systems in the United States, have stated publicly that absentee voting is the largest threat to election integrity;

WHEREAS absentee voting has grown substantially in the past decade in Idaho to over 20% of all ballots where historically absentee voting was less than 5%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee will promote and encourage in-person voting as the preferred method of voting in Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports legislative efforts to prohibit the practice of third-party organizations from sending absentee applications to registered or eligible voters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee will support legislative efforts to eliminate 'no excuse' absentee voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee will continue to protect the right of persons to vote absentee that are serving in the military, have legitimate physical limitations, or have other valid reasons that prevent them from voting in person

Resolution 2025-18

Title: Idaho GOP Resolution in Opposition to Legalization of the Use, Possession, Growth, Delivery, or Sales of Recreational Marijuana

Submitted by: Thomas Wangeman

Passed by: Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Thomas Wangeman

WHEREAS, several surrounding states have legalized the use, possession, growth, delivery, or sales of recreational marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of the use, possession, growth, delivery, or sales of recreational marijuana has caused the rapid growth of the profit-driven marijuana industry; and

WHEREAS, the number of Americans with cannabis use disorder has greatly increased based on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th edition (DSM-V) criteria; and

WHEREAS, following legalization in other states, emergency room visits and hospitalizations related to marijuana use have increased as much as 148%; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho GOP believes the effort to legalize recreational marijuana has devastating effects on the public health, safety, welfare, and rights of citizens of Idaho to live and work in a community where drug use is not normalized; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the safety of our roadways is a top priority in order to preserve the life, health, and safety of all Idahoans, the legalization of recreational marijuana is associated with an increase in impaired drivers which may increase traffic fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Young Americans for Liberty is a Libertarian organization that supports drug legalization, has chapters on college and university campuses within Idaho, and has donated \$30,000 to a political action committee in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, all states in which recreational marijuana has been legalized have failed to contain the illicit market and drug cartels continue to exploit these sales in an effort to operate outside of any regulatory system; and

WHEREAS, states with legalized recreational marijuana have had a marked increase in the rate of youth use leading to a decrease in risk perception and an increase in illicit behavior.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee strongly opposes any effort to legalize the use, possession, growth, delivery, or sales of recreational marijuana.

Resolution 2025-19

Title: Resolution to Amend Idaho State Constitution Regarding Initiatives

Submitted by: Howard Rynearson, Payette County Chairman

Passed by: Payette County Central Committee

To be presented by: Howard Rynearson, Payette County Chairman

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho provides for an initiative per Article III, Section 1, of the Idaho State Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution guarantees a republican form of government, and

WHEREAS, the initiative is a form of “direct democracy”, and

WHEREAS, because the initiative bypasses the legislature and goes directly to a ballot, and

WHEREAS, an initiative bypasses the legislative hearings and debate required for a proposed bill to be fully scrutinized for transparency, and

WHEREAS, the initiative in Idaho requires signatures gathered in only 18 of the 35 legislative districts, and

WHEREAS, the number of signatures needed to place an initiative on the ballot is equal to 6 percent of the number of registered voters of the state’s last general election

WHEREAS, with signatures required in just over half of the districts, it is only reasonable that the threshold be increased

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports an Idaho State Constitution amendment to read: the collection of signatures be gathered from at least 23 of the 35 legislative districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports an Idaho State Constitutional amendment requiring signatures to equal at least 10 percent of registered voters in at least 23 of the state’s 35 legislative districts.

Resolution 2025-20
Title: Prohibiting DEI at Public Colleges and Universities

Submitted by: Region V Central Committee

Passed by: Region V Central Committee

To be presented by: Brian Almon, Chairman LD14

WHEREAS, the public colleges and universities of Idaho exist to serve the needs of all students as well as the greater community, and;

WHEREAS curricula and programs devoted to ideas such as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) or under different designations seek to divide students and the greater community by emphasizing racial, ethnic, gender, and other differences, and;

WHEREAS DEI programs are used to mold student activists who propagate the continued Marxist assault on Western Civilization, and;

WHEREAS the Idaho Legislature has repeatedly attempted to defund and prohibit anti-American ideologies such as DEI in public colleges and universities, only for administrators to continue such programs under new names and line items, and;

WHEREAS a jury found that administrators at Boise State University were liable for forcing Big City Coffee off campus to satisfy a small but angry group of student activists who had been indoctrinated by DEI programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee condemns anti-American ideologies such as DEI, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee condemns any program or ideology that seeks to divide the American people based on race, sex, or any other innate characteristic, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the State Legislature to introduce and adopt legislation defunding and prohibiting DEI programs in public colleges and universities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges the State Legislature to craft such legislation in such a way and with mechanisms for enforcement to ensure this ideology is removed from public colleges and universities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Governor to sign such legislation.

Resolution 2025-22

Title: Enshrining the Right to Life in the State Constitution

Submitted by: Colton Bennett, Latah County Youth Committee person

Passed by: Latah County Republican Central Committee, November 12 2024

To be presented by:

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party believes that the Right to Life begins at the moment of conception and that preborn children ought to receive recognition of personhood and equal protection under the laws of our state,

WHEREAS, Radical leftists have used ballot initiatives, judicial activism, and derelict state legislators to create a ‘right to abortion’ in seventeen states, including enshrining this so-called ‘right’ to kill, into the state constitutions of Arizona, California, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New York, Ohio, and Vermont;

WHEREAS, these radical leftists have announced plans to place an initiative on the Idaho ballot in 2026 legalizing abortion;

WHEREAS, the state of Nebraska defeated such an attempt in 2024, in part due to the placement of a ‘dueling measure’ on the ballot defending the right of life;

WHEREAS, the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, and West Virginia have enshrined in their constitutions statements affirming that there is no right to an abortion contained therein;

WHEREAS, States who have implemented such Constitutional provisions have had robust success in protecting preborn children;

WHEREAS, Courts in these States have ruled in favor of the Right to Life, such as the Alabama Supreme Court which ruled “We believe that each human being, from the moment of conception, is made in the image of God, created by Him to reflect His likeness”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Idaho State Legislature to pass, during the 2025 legislative session, the following Amendment to the Idaho State Constitution:

“To defend and protect preborn children, we the people of the State of Idaho declare that this Constitution does not recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion or require the public funding of abortion.”

Resolution 2025-23

Title: Resolution to Limit Property Tax Increases and Protect Homeowners in Idaho

Submitted by: David Shepard, Latah County 3rd Vice Chair

Passed by: Latah County Republican Central Committee, November 12 2024

To be presented by:

WHEREAS, Idaho residents have experienced rising property taxes, creating financial strain for homeowners, renters, and small businesses across the state;

WHEREAS, Idaho's property tax system lacks a consistent cap on the rate of increase for property assessments, allowing local governments to impose excessive taxes on citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports the establishment of a **Property Tax Limit Initiative** that will:

1. **Curb Property Tax Increases:** Limit property tax increases to no more than 2% annually on residential properties, unless a change in ownership or new construction occurs, ensuring predictable and stable taxes for homeowners and businesses.
2. **Establish a Property Tax Cap:** Institute a cap on the total property tax rate for all residential properties at **1%** of the property's market value at the time of purchase, ensuring that taxes do not exceed an affordable threshold.
3. **Protect Homeowners and Small Businesses:** Provide specific protections for seniors, veterans, and low-income families to ensure they are not disproportionately affected by property tax increases.
4. **Increase Transparency in Property Assessments:** Require local governments to provide clear, accessible explanations for property tax assessments, fostering a more transparent and accountable system.
5. **Ensure Accountability in Local Governments:** Require that any future local tax increases be subject to voter approval, giving citizens direct control over tax policies that affect them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this initiative will promote fiscal responsibility, encourage local governments to prioritize efficient spending, and provide financial relief to Idaho's taxpayers, particularly homeowners and small businesses.

Resolution 2025-24

Title: Resolution Supporting a Change to District-Based City Council Elections for Idaho Cities

Submitted by: David Shepard, Latah County 3rd Vice Chair

Passed by: Latah County Republican Central Committee, November 12 2024

To be presented by:

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party (IDGOP) is committed to promoting fair and equitable representation for all residents of Idaho;

WHEREAS, cities with large and diverse populations can benefit from district-based elections to ensure that all communities have fair representation on city councils;

WHEREAS, at-large election systems can sometimes result in underrepresentation of certain neighborhoods or groups, leading to governance that does not fully reflect the diverse perspectives of a city;

WHEREAS, requiring district-based elections for cities with populations greater than 25,000 would align with best practices for democratic representation and strengthen local governance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports a change in state law that would require cities with populations greater than 25,000 to adopt district-based elections for city council members;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed legislation would:

1. **Mandate cities** with populations exceeding 25,000 to transition from at-large to district-based city council elections;
2. **Ensure equitable representation** by requiring city council districts to be drawn based off of population;
3. **Promote local engagement** by encouraging candidates to represent distinct areas within the city;
4. **Require that candidates** running for a district seat must reside within the district they seek to represent;
5. **Drawing of district lines** will be determined by the county commissioners in which the city resides immediately following the passage of this proposed legislation. Commissioners may choose to adopt new district lines at the same time state house and federal seats are redistricted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee will work with state legislators and local officials to develop and advocate for this legislation to strengthen the democratic process in Idaho's growing cities.

Resolution 2025-28

Title: Resolution to Tighten and Enforce Idaho's Residency Requirements for Voters

Submitted by: Chris Trakel - Canyon Chair

Passed by: Canyon County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by:

WHEREAS Idaho's residency requirement for voting is clearly stated in Idaho Code section 34- 107(1), to wit:
“‘Residence,’ for voting purposes, shall be the principal or primary home or place of abode of a person. Principal or primary home or place of abode is that home or place in which his habitation is fixed and to which a person, whenever he is absent, has the present intention of returning after a departure or absence therefore, regardless of the duration of absence;”

WHEREAS Idaho Code section 34-107(4) clearly states: “A qualified elector shall not be considered to have gained a residence in any county or city of this state into which he comes for temporary purposes only, without the intention of making it his home but with the intention of leaving it when he has accomplished the purpose that brought him there;” and

WHEREAS multiple Idaho candidates have exploited the use of homeowner's exemptions (Idaho Code section 63-602G) to claim such exemptions which are clearly not their permanent places of abode as well as exploiting additional loopholes in Idaho Code section 63-602;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee:

1. urges our Idaho State Legislature to pass meaningful reform of Idaho Code section 63-602 to close loopholes allowing non-primary residences to receive homeowner's exemptions for properties which clearly are not primary residences;
2. urges our Idaho State Legislature to add amendments to Idaho Code sections 34-107 and/or 63-602 to allow for a grievance process to challenge such wrongfully declared residences;
3. provides for correction to voter rolls in the event that a residence is successfully challenged;
4. disqualifies immediately any candidate using a successfully challenged residence to run for any office in the State of Idaho; and

Resolution 2025-29

Title: Resolution to Define and Denounce Marxism

Submitted by: Lucas Cayler, Precinct Committeeman 23-11

Passed by: Canyon County Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Lucas Cayler, Precinct Committeeman 23-11

WHEREAS, Marxism is understood to be an ideology that when deployed leads to an altered society, it aims to transform society through transforming humans into a secular version of a cohesive society based on the elimination of social class and wealth disparity. It's an inherently atheistic ideological construct.

WHEREAS, Marxism is a philosophical, social, and economic doctrine founded by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels in the mid-19th century and captured in works such as “The Communist Manifesto.”

WHEREAS, Marxism has been the blueprint of all Communist and Socialist regimes worldwide and is used to eliminate social class and wealth disparity; however, has resulted in radicalized youth, weaponized military, the loss of individual freedom; famine, human rights violations, and genocide (Ex: Marxist-driven genocide in China under Mao and Russia under Lenin and Stalin).

WHEREAS, Marxism has found its way into most institutions in the United States and directly influences policy and law in government, education, healthcare, elections, and the workforce.

WHEREAS, many anarchist groups in America such as Black Lives Matter (BLM) and ANTIFA have roots in the doctrine of Marxism and have purposefully destroyed billions of dollars of private and commercial property over the past several years of political upheaval and have received wide support from George Soros-funded organizations and the Democrat National Party.

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ Movement is a liberal outgrowth of the Sexual Revolution of the 1960s and seeks the destruction of the natural family and encourages the normalization of homosexual and transsexual family units.

WHEREAS, Critical Theory, and the Frankfurt School, another facet of Western European Marxism, has influenced many elements of classroom instruction and curricula in Idaho’s public schools and universities, including implementing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion ideology and curricula that teaches subjects such as radical gender theory, radical feminism, and radical race theory.

WHEREAS, the tenets of Marxism are antithetical to the flourishing of a capitalist society and seek to abolish private property ownership.

WHEREAS, the concept of Open Primary Elections and Ranked Choice Voting has received broad support from groups such as the National Communist¹ and Democrat Parties of America and these radical leftist groups are attempting to push these initiatives in conservative states in an attempt to flip the balance of power so liberal ideology gains political control of those states

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee denounces all aspects of the doctrine of Marxism, cultural Marxism, Critical Theory, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion ideologies as it pertains to law and policy, the natural family, education and higher education, healthcare, elections, and the workforce.

SOURCES:

¹Ranked choice voting is part of the struggle for democracy in the Popular Front – Communist Party USA

Resolution 2025-30
Title: Prohibiting Candidate Withdrawals After Primary Election

Submitted by: Brian Almon

Passed by: District 14 Republican Central Committee

To be presented by: Brian Almon

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Idaho place the highest value on the integrity of our elections, and;

WHEREAS the Democratic Party has increasingly engaged in the practice of withdrawing candidates after the primary election and appointing someone new to gain an advantage against Republican primary winners, and;

WHEREAS the practice of swapping candidates after the primary undermines that integrity by devaluing the primary election, and;

WHEREAS in July of 2022, the Idaho Democratic Party replaced its candidate for Attorney General in response to the outcome of the Republican primary, and;

WHEREAS in June of 2024, the District 11 Democratic Central Committee attempted to interfere in the legislative election process by swapping its candidates for House and Senate, contrary to state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee condemns the practice of candidates withdrawing from local and statewide elections after winning their primaries, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the State Legislature to introduce and adopt legislation amending Idaho Code to prohibit candidate withdrawals following the primary election for any reason short of said candidate's death or moving out of the electoral jurisdiction in question, or having a major health crisis, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Governor to sign such legislation.