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Preface

The 2016 Wyoming Republican Party Platform and Resolutions are the result of a biennial process that begins with each county party in the state and culminates in the statewide Republican Convention. We invite every registered Republican in the State of Wyoming to join us in the process.

The first part of this document contains our Platform planks. These planks are statements of broad principles and timeless truths. The Platform planks are not something that change with the whim of a political moment.

Next are the Resolutions. The Resolutions address contemporary issues of state and national concern. The individual Resolutions deal with specific events and specific issues, and often, in the Resolved portion, propose specific actions to solve a problem. The Whereas portion gives relevant facts and principles, often the principles in the Platform.

Since any political party is a coalition, we do not ask anyone to agree with everything here. But if you agree with a lot of this, you probably are (or should be) a Republican.

Matt Micheli,
Chairman, Wyoming Republican Party

Platform

WE believe there are Timeless Truths that will always inform and direct our party and our country regardless of current events and circumstances, changing strategies, goals, and leadership. These Truths, put into action, maintain, protect, and defend our unalienable rights to Life, Liberty, Property and the Pursuit of Happiness.

1. All individuals are endowed by their Creator from the moment of fertilization to the moment of natural death with the rights to Life, Liberty, Property, and the Pursuit of Happiness. The only purpose of government is to protect these rights for all.
2. Every citizen, public and private, is equal before, equally protected by, and equally subject to, the law.
3. The right of individuals to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. Individuals must never be prevented from defending life, liberty or property if threatened unjustly.
4. The pursuit by an individual to rightfully acquire, keep and enjoy his own property is foundational. Every individual has the right to develop his own potential, to use and enjoy his own property, tangible or intellectual, and pursue his own interests, free from the restrictions of arbitrary force. Individuals are always presumed to be the best stewards of their property.
5. The freedom to practice one's faith is a fundamental right under our Constitution. The First Amendment describes the prohibition of an official, state sanctioned church, not the expulsion of religion from public life. We must keep in mind the Judeo-Christian principles of the Founding Fathers when they wrote it; the practice of faith under this tradition encourages good moral behavior and the development of character that helps secure the other fundamental bases of our national citizenship. Freedom to worship includes the right to abstain from actions counter to our religious beliefs.
6. The traditional family, based on the foundation of one mother and one father, is the best institution to provide children with the education and training to develop their potential and prepare them to participate in society and in our government which is of, by, and for the People.
7. Liberty is indivisible from economic freedom. The free market economy, is the economic system most compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and constitutional government. Government's undue interference in the market, as well as the fiscal irresponsibility of government, results in economic inequity. There exists no fundamental right to the fruits of another person's labor.
8. The citizens of the United States are the ultimate authority. Governments possess powers derived only from the consent of the governed.
9. Our constitutional representative republic remains the best political system, derived from history and knowledge of human nature, to prohibit tyranny, assure equality, and protect our individual rights.
10. The Constitution of the United States establishes a more perfect union of sovereign states, not a group of subordinate subsidiaries. Neither the judiciary nor the executive may effectively change the document via decisions or executive actions. The Constitution of the United States

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may only be altered by the processes of amendment provided within. The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land. Under the Tenth Amendment, powers not enumerated in it are reserved to the States and the People. The most effective, responsible, and responsive government is government that is closest to the People. Government that governs least, governs best.

11. The United States must maintain its national sovereignty free from foreign influence that would infringe on the rights of the American People guaranteed by the Constitution. Foreign policy must serve the just interests of the United States.
12. It is incumbent on the federal government to maintain a strong military for the protection of our people, our interests, and our way of life. Those who serve our country honorably deserve our deepest gratitude, highest respect and unwavering support.
13. All taxes collected must be used for the constitutional purposes of government. It is irresponsible to run up debts that are passed on to our children and grandchildren. Taxes should never be more than necessary.
14. The Wyoming Republican Party believes that the definition of marriage is the union of one man and one woman.
15. The Wyoming Republican Party supports the teaching of the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Wyoming, the Declaration of Independence, and other United States founding documents as well as the factual history and heritage of the United States in Wyoming schools and the historical evidence of the role of faith and biblical principles in the founding of our nation.
16. The Wyoming Republican Party believes in state's primacy over their water, wildlife, minerals and natural resources; supports any actions which assures Wyoming's primacy over its water; ie the doctrine of prior appropriations.
17. The Wyoming Republican Party supports the protection of private property from the use of eminent domain, civil asset forfeiture, amortization or the inverse condemnation.
18. The Wyoming Republican Party opposes the unionization of public employees and supports the Right to Work Law.
19. Our liberty and the continued success of our republican form of federal government demands continuous vigilance by "We the People."

Finally, having thus set forth our distinctive principles and views, we invite the co-operation of all citizens, however differing on other questions, who substantially agree with us, to offer their affirmation and support.

Resolutions

Foreign Policy and Defense

1. Defending Against Hostile Nations

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party believes that the United States must use all options to defend against impending threats from all hostile nations.

2. Stop Implementation of Trans-Pacific Partnership

Whereas the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a so called free trade agreement, threatens United States sovereignty by establishing an unelected commission to formulate and or change binding regulations without congressional oversight; and

Whereas the TPP will cause the loss of US jobs and increase the influx of foreign workers; and

Whereas the TPP is the first step in establishing a European Union-style Pacific Union; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands that Congress kill the implementation of the TPP.

3. Keep Guantanamo Bay Open

Whereas the war on Islamic terrorism will not end with the elimination of the Islamic State and will be ongoing for some time to come; and

Whereas militants captured during this conflict are enemy combatants not common criminals and should be treated and interrogated as such; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay be kept open and used to detain captured enemy combatants and terrorists.

4. Rescind Iran Agreement

Whereas Iran has violated terms of the Obama administration “agreement”; and

Whereas said agreement is not a treaty ratified by the Senate; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the “agreement” be rescinded and sanctions on Iran be re-established.

5. Don't Ask, Don't Tell

Whereas the presence of on-duty, heterosexual or homosexual romance in the military may greatly weaken the effectiveness of the military; and

Whereas a vigorous pro-homosexual agenda in the military may incite violence and therefore weaken the military; and

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Whereas social engineering and social experimentation have no proper place in the military environment; and

Whereas a return to the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy would mitigate the open perpetuation of homosexuals in the military; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the reinstatement of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Policy of the U.S. Armed Forces.

6. United Nations

Whereas the United Nations is a socialistic organization; and

Whereas we strongly oppose the subordination of American troops to any foreign or multinational organization, including the rendering of aid under the authority of the U.N.; and

Whereas we oppose the United Nations Law of the Sea Treaty and the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

Whereas, the United Nations fails to use sound science in many activities and seeks to destroy the United States' constitutional republic, now therefore,

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party demand the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations.

Be It Resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands that the sovereignty of the United States not be compromised or surrendered to any organization.

7. Adequate Military Funding

Whereas the United States of America must remain a superpower with adequate personnel, armaments, technology and support persons; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party requires that, in military affairs, we must provide adequate funding to maintain a strong military for our national defense, with an armed force of high morale, integrity and a national commitment of support, and of full funding of promised benefits, to serve as a deterrent to foreign aggression.

8. Oppose Involvement in United Nations Agendas

Whereas education is needed to shine the light on the negative impact United Nations Agendas have on a constitutional capitalist republic, and

Whereas the United Nations, in conjunction with other powers, known and unknown, are working to impose a one-world order, and

Whereas a one-world order deprives us of our God given rights, individual liberties and personal dignity,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party oppose and resist all forms of United Nations agendas, now and in the future, such as Agenda 2030, and

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Be it resolved that we vehemently oppose any United Nations action designating use of land, water or air within the borders of the U.S. since such use cannot be done without appropriate congressional, state and local government approval, and

Be it further resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports educating the elected officials of local governments of Wyoming, as well as all elected State officials regarding the encroachment activities initiated by the United Nations agendas and to defund them at all levels.

9. Oppose Establishment of NAFTA Superhighway

Whereas the sovereignty of the United States would be at risk if a NAFTA superhighway were constructed,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party strongly opposes both the treaty itself and enactment of any bill that would allow the construction of the NAFTA superhighway which would open the United States' borders with Canada and Mexico.

10. Energy Independence

Whereas the United States is dependent on unstable regions and nations,

Be it resolved that the country should develop our own resources to be energy independent.

11. Keep ROTC and Military Recruitment Offices on Campus

Whereas a strong military is essential for national security,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party insists that any institution of higher learning that accepts federal funds will accept ROTC programs and US military recruiters on campus.

Energy

1. Streamline and Simplify Energy Regulations, Permit Processes

Whereas the Wyoming Republican Party supports reasonable and safe development of all natural resources, and

Whereas there are multiple state and federal agencies that have to be dealt with in obtaining permits, and

Whereas the permitting process is unduly burdensome,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the use of plentiful and affordable coal, the use of pipelines including the Keystone XL pipeline, and

Be it further resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the regulations to be simplified, streamlined, or eliminated, and that the cost of permits be reduced.

2. Energy Subsidies

Whereas, it is the nature of government to be biased in selecting energy sources, to the detriment of our economy,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes subsidies for all energy sources.

3. Shipping Coal by Rail

Be it resolved the Wyoming Republican Party supports the state of Wyoming continuing the fight for the right to ship Wyoming coal by rail to ports in the Pacific Northwest.

Immigration and Immigrants

1. Voter Identification

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party believes that all persons must produce photo identification that provides proof of identity and presumption of United States citizenship prior to being allowed to cast a vote in a governmental election.

2. Immigration Reform

Whereas illegal aliens are just that-illegal; and,

Whereas laws should always be enforced for the safety and wellbeing of the citizenry and also for those who enter this nation legally,

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party demands limiting passage across our borders to legal crossing points, and using necessary means to secure the borders and our national sovereignty, including border fencing, electronic surveillance, and increased border patrols including the State's use of National Guard in problem areas; and further,

Be It Resolved that law enforcement in the United States be required to turn over illegal aliens convicted of felonies to ICE for deportation after completion of any sentences; and further,

Be It Resolved the Wyoming Republican Party supports a federal law whereby the granting of automatic United States Citizenship by birth is only to an individual born of at least one United States citizen or a legal resident; and further,

Be It Resolved that blanket amnesty for illegal aliens be perpetually outlawed; and further,

Be It Resolved that federal agencies be required to share with each other information on illegal aliens that would lead to the deportation of illegal aliens, rather than supporting them through our taxpayer-funded programs; and further,

Be It Resolved that any state or local law enforcement agency or officer be allowed to ask the legal status of suspects and to aid the federal government in the deportation of illegal aliens.

3. Immigration and Naturalization Simplification

Whereas many aliens attempt legally to become American citizens, and

Whereas the current process is cumbersome and difficult,

Therefore Be It Resolved the Wyoming Republican Party supports the simplification and streamlining of the process for persons to legally enter, remain, and/or become citizens of the United States.

4. Anchor Babies

Whereas the status of babies born on United States of America soil should be determined by the status of their parents,

Be It Resolved that “anchor” babies shall NOT be citizens, and neither shall they bestow American citizenship upon their non-citizen parents.

5. Secure Our Borders and Follow Current Immigration Law

Whereas legal immigration is one of the foundations of our country and all who comply with existing legal immigration laws are to be commended, the security of the United States cannot be compromised,

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports securing our borders, only allowing legal immigrants into country, and following existing legal immigration laws.

6. Address Border Security and Immigration Enforcement as Separate Issues

Whereas securing our borders and enforcement of our immigration laws are two separate issues,

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party address them as separate issues.

7. Subsidies for Illegal Immigrants

Whereas, unrestricted immigration is an economic and national security threat to the United States,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party not support any legislation or action, including the issuance of Social Security numbers, which would allow illegal immigrants access to work or benefits;

and, be it further resolved, the Wyoming Republican Party opposes any government subsidies for illegal immigrants.

8. Refugee Resettlement

Whereas the Federal Government supports a refugee program for resettlement in the United States;

Whereas there is no screening policy that can fully ensure the safety of the United States citizens from these refugees;

Whereas recent violent crimes by refugees in other countries and the US indicate a great risk of harm;

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Be it resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes resettlement of refugees In the State of Wyoming.

9. Vetting of Aliens and Refugees

Be it resolved, the Wyoming Republican Party supports comprehensive vetting using and applying available legal standards to all aliens and refugees.

10. Enforcement of Immigration Law

Be it resolved, the Wyoming Republican Party supports enforcement of current immigration laws.

11. Legal Immigration and Assimilation

Be it Resolved, the State of Wyoming support only legal immigration and that those who enter the United States legally follow all the steps to citizenship.

12. New Citizens Must Adopt Constitution and Assimilate

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party believes that those seeking US citizenship must adopt the Constitution as the supreme law of the land and assimilate themselves to the USA.

13. Positive Visa Tracking

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for an improved Immigration System with positive visa tracking of all foreign entrants.

14. Resettlement Act of 1980

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls the State of Wyoming to not participate in the Resettlement Act of 1980.

15. Fast Track to Citizenship

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes a “Fast Track” to citizenship.

16. Alien Workers

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for aliens to be allowed to work in the United States only under a temporary work pass system.

17. Enforce the Simpson Mazzoli Act of 1986

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for criminal and civil punishment be enforced in compliance with the Simpson Mazzoli Act of 1986 for companies who knowingly hire illegal aliens in this country.

18. Sanctuary Cities

Whereas “Sanctuary city” is a term that is applied by some to cities in the United States to prevent the apprehensions and prosecution of illegal and undocumented aliens under the Immigration Laws of the United States,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls upon any Wyoming municipality to reject designation as a “sanctuary city” for the purposes of protecting illegal aliens from prosecution of felony crimes.

19. Governmental Entities in Wyoming to Report Illegal Criminals to the Federal Government (ICE)

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party believes all local governmental entities in Wyoming should report all known illegal alien criminals to the federal government (ICE).

20. Deport Illegal Aliens

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports deportation of illegal aliens.

21. Grant Persecuted Christians Refugee Status After Comprehensive Vetting

Whereas refugees are different from illegal immigrants, and

Whereas persecuted Christians are denied refugee status worldwide,

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party will welcome persecuted Christians after a reliable vetting process.

Jobs and Economy

1. Minimum Wage

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes any and all federal government actions which may dictate salaries, minimum or maximum wages, income levels, or price controls to any citizen.

2. Keystone Pipeline

Whereas, an independent, secure, reliable source of energy is in the best interest of the United States of America; and

Whereas, sources of employment are in great demand,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for immediate approval of the Keystone Pipeline project.

3. Estate and Inheritance Tax (“Death Tax”)

Whereas, the Wyoming Republican Party opposes undue and unfair taxation,

Be it resolved that the federal estate and inheritance tax, i.e. “death tax,” should be rescinded.

4. Social Security Benefits Reserved to Vested Contributors

Whereas Social Security is a nationalized pension and disability fund paid through wage deductions of American Workers, and

Whereas the Federal Government funds numerous entitlement and assistance programs,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party believes that Social Security funds should be provided only to US citizens and their families who have contributed and become vested in the Social Security System;

Furthermore, be it resolved that all monies paid into Social Security should go into the Social Security fund and not the General Fund, nor can the federal government nor any private entity borrow from the Social Security fund.

5. Environmental Permitting

Whereas the Wyoming Republican Party recognizes the cost, time and regulatory difficulty of obtaining permits for mineral extraction on federal, state or private lands:

Be It Resolved the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the environmental impact study (EIS) process to be dramatically streamlined to reduce said factors. Furthermore, be it resolved that this process shall include a reasonable cap on the EIS permitting timeframe;

Furthermore, Be It Further Resolved that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permitting process of leasing, drilling and producing minerals should be simplified as well.

6. Unemployment Benefits

Whereas many people receive unemployment benefits for excessive periods of time;

Whereas excessive unemployment benefits reduce the incentive to improve job skills;

Be It Resolved the Wyoming Republican Party supports limiting unemployment benefits to six months.

7. Employment Quotas

Be It Resolved the Wyoming Republican Party opposes all employment quotas.

8. Private Development of Infrastructure

Whereas the development of affordable infrastructure, including telecommunications, is of critical importance to the economy of businesses and citizens in rural areas,

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Be It Resolved the Wyoming Republican Party supports the private sector promotion and development of “state of the art” infrastructure, including telecommunications, for businesses and citizens in rural areas without government subsidies.

9. Department of Workforce Services Questions on Union Membership

Be it resolved the Wyoming Republican Party supports prohibiting the Department of Workforce Services from asking any questions related to union membership, union participation or any other activity related to unions on any questionnaire, survey, etc. used to collect data/information in any form.

10. Secret Ballots in Union election

Be It Resolved the Wyoming Republican Party opposes any effort to eliminate secret ballots in union elections.

11. Federal Policies and Treaties that Threaten Wyoming's Economy

Whereas some federal policies and international treaties threatens Wyoming's economy,

Be It Resolved the Wyoming Republican Party request Congress oppose federal policies and international treaties that inhibit the development of Wyoming’s jobs and economy.

12. Regulations and Markets

Be it resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the free market system.

13. Chevron Deference

Be it resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Part supports congressional action to limit Chevron deference, that is, “that courts should defer to agency interpretation of such statutes unless they are unreasonable” (Wex Legal Dictionary) given to regulatory agencies.

14. Supporting “Opt in” Systems For Releasing Personal Information

Whereas individual information should be kept private,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports an "opt in" rather than an "opt out" system for business and government entities sharing information about individual.

15. Remove Existing Regulations That Are Irrelevant Or In Conflict With Law

Whereas government rules and regulations increase in number each year, and

Whereas there are existing laws and regulations that may no longer be applicable, and

Whereas government should be limited in scope,

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Be it resolved that government at all levels should provide for a review of existing rules and regulations and repeal or nullify those which are no longer applicable, relevant or are in conflict with other laws.

16. Repeal Davis-Bacon Act

Whereas the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 dictates wages for federally funded projects,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the repeal of the Davis-Bacon Act.

17. Eliminate Public Ownership Of Business and Commerce

Whereas federal ownership of large corporations is socialism; and

Whereas history has time and time again shown socialism as oppressive and devastating to mankind;

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the elimination of federal ownership of any private entity or business, e.g., General Motors Corp. (GM), Citi Group, American International Group (AIG), banks, savings institutions and demands the prevention of competition with private business.

18. Domestic Energy Exploration and Production

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for domestic energy exploration and production to proceed without Federal obstruction.

19. Support for Hunting

Whereas, hunting as an important economic factor in Wyoming;

Be it resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports continued hunting on public lands.

Crime and Law

1. Religious Liberty

Whereas the free exercise of one's religion is a right given by God and guaranteed and protected by the first amendment to the US Constitution; now, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls on the Wyoming legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation to protect said free exercise of religion and prohibit individuals and businesses from being forced to participate in activities contrary to their religious convictions and conscience.

2. BLM and US Forest Service Restriction of Law Enforcement

Whereas, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (U.S.F.S.) currently exercise law enforcement authority; and,

Whereas, the State of Wyoming contains lands supervised by the BLM and the U.S.F.S.; and,

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Whereas, citizens of the State of Wyoming have elected and empowered County and State law enforcement officials and agencies to exercise such representative law enforcement authority; and,

Whereas, local, County and State law enforcement personnel are the most familiar with the people, culture, and lands within the State of Wyoming; and,

Whereas, local, County and State law enforcement personnel and agencies have the capacity to resolve law enforcement issues within their jurisdictions in the most expedient manner and at the lowest level of legal force; and,

Whereas, the BLM and U.S.F.S. are exercising unrepresentative and unlawful law enforcement authority within the jurisdictions of local, County, and State lands; now therefore,

Be It Resolved, That the Wyoming Republican Party does hereby support legislative action to codify the elimination of law enforcement authority and use of weapons from the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, and limit the exercise of law enforcement authority to local, County and State law enforcement agencies elected by and representative of the citizens of the localities, Counties, and State of Wyoming.

3. Child Pornography

Whereas using minors for child pornography and sex are among the most barbaric and heinous crimes of all,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports cooperation of the federal government with international agencies to prosecute all child pornography and child sexual abuse to the fullest extent of the U. S. law.

4. Sex Trafficking

Be it resolved the Republican Party believes that the state, local, and federal governments should work together to detect and prevent humans from being used in sex trafficking; and prosecute sexual traffickers to the fullest extent of the U. S. law.

5. Constitutionality of Bills

Be it resolved the Wyoming Republican Party requires that all legislation, federal and state, be within the constraints of both the Wyoming and United States Constitutions, consistent with their original meaning, and that all bills should cite, upon presentation, where in the US or Wyoming Constitution such action is authorized.

6. Constitutional-Carry Laws

Whereas, the interstate travel of all citizens in these United States is commonplace and their right to self-defense has been infringed,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports constitutional-carry by any law abiding citizen of the United States.

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Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the Second Amendment, and opposes any and all governmental restrictions on ownership of firearms, ammunition and related accessories by law abiding citizens, and

Be it further it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes the keeping of any government records of private ownership of guns and ammunition, to include hypothetical registration lists kept by school districts

7. Constitutional Carry on Campus

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports extending Constitutional-carry laws to public college and university campuses in Wyoming.

8. Alternative Penal Policies

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports penal policies which can reduce prison populations without endangering society, such as minimum security and monitored work release programs for all nonviolent offenders with an emphasis on treatment and rehabilitation of drug and alcohol offenders to be financed by the offender, to the extent possible, or by court confiscated drug money.

9. Sexting as Felony

Whereas our laws should reflect the impact of technology;

Therefore Be It Resolved the Republican Party believes "sexting" should not be a felony when practiced between parties who are of the age of consent, consequently not carry the lifetime "sexual offender" status.

10. No Grants of Special Rights or Privileges

Whereas granting special rights to anyone based on their choice of lifestyle elevates those persons into a privileged status and therefore to a form of elitist segregation,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party insists that those who engage in alternative lifestyles have the basic rights and protections of American citizens but that no special rights or privileges be granted to them.

11. No Exemptions For Elected State and Federal Officials From Laws They Pass

Whereas the President and the United States Congress and its members and staff, other federal government officials, and officials of the state of Wyoming, are exempted from many of the laws that Congress passes, which apply to the rest of the citizens, and

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Whereas those said officials are also American citizens and live in this great nation and represent her People, and

Be it resolved that all employees, contractors, elected or appointed officials of the United States and/or Wyoming including without limitation the President and the executive branch, the judicial branch and the United States Congress and its members and staff, along with the Governor of Wyoming, the Wyoming State Legislature, and staff members, be required to adhere to all laws and regulations that Congress and the Wyoming Legislature enact, and not be exempted from compliance.

12. Defund Ammunition Appropriations

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party does hereby call upon Congress to use their appropriation powers to defund what appears to be excessive purchasing and stockpiling of military and law enforcement grade ammunition by Departments within the federal government such as the ATF, DEA, Justice Department, and Department of Homeland Security.

13. End Unreasonable Search And Seizure of Citizens' Data Without A Search Warrant

Whereas the National Security Administration has been found to spy on American citizens via telephone, the Internet and drones,

Whereas Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) calls for retaining information and data on students, which is not academic, and

Whereas the 4th Amendment to the US Constitution guarantees the right of the people to be secure against unreasonable searches except for probable cause, and

Be it resolved that the National Security Administration or any other governmental agency must immediately cease and desist from all such unconstitutional surveillance activities of United States citizens.

14. Limit Bureaucratic Influence Over Lawmakers

Whereas an extreme conflict of interest exists between legislative authority of a program or agency, and public employees who are program/agency directors, supervisors, superintendents, executive managers and other top management positions of the same program or agency at all levels of government,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party believes that no agency/program director, supervisor, executive manager or other top managers who are public employees shall consult, advise or in any way influence the elected or appointed committees or boards which preside or partially preside over the same agency or program, except to provide specific testimony or documentation upon written request from a board or committee and they may not spend taxpayer funds lobbying for legislation that increases their funding or authority.

15. Frivolous Lawsuits

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports legislation for the litigant of lawsuits to pay costs of such action, if the jury or judge deems the suit frivolous.

16. The State Attorney General's Office

Whereas the state Attorney General is appointed by the Governor and may be removed by the Governor and, therefore, answers to the Governor instead of the people of Wyoming, and;

Whereas the state Attorney General is the legal adviser of all elective and appointive state officers, and;

Whereas this creates a conflict of interest for the Attorney General if the Governor, who has authority to remove him from office, is accused of or sued for engaging in unlawful acts,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the legislature should change the office of Attorney General to an elected position.

Government and Budgets

1. Reduce the Size of Federal Government

Whereas, our Founding Fathers believed that the government that governs least, governs best and the size and authority of the present Federal Government must far exceed what they ever could have imagined; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party believes the federal government should be reduced in size by increasing efficiency by reducing multiple agency overlap, and returning the function of government to within the scope of constitutional enumerated powers.

2. Federal Agency Rule-Making Curtailment

Whereas the federal government issues a large number of rules every year through bureaucratic rule making,

Whereas Congress was elected by the people to represent them in their legislative rights,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for reducing the rule-making authority of federal agencies and that any rules - current, past and future - promulgated by federal agencies must first be approved by Congress before taking effect.

3. Establish Term Limits

Whereas elected officials run for several terms and become lifetime career politicians, and

Whereas the politicians have numerous special benefits granted for their lifetimes, and

Whereas these offices were never intended to be career positions,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party demands term limits for all elected government officials along with limits on the benefit packages.

4. Statement of Constitutional Authority

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party strongly supports the requirement that all bills introduced in the United States Congress and/or in the Wyoming State legislature include a statement setting forth the specific constitutional authority under which the law is being enacted.

5. Governments to Use Wyoming Contractors First

Be It Resolved the Wyoming Republican Party encourages state and local government agencies to use Wyoming resources before contracting out-of-state or out-of-country resources.

6. Balanced Budget Amendment

Whereas the continued growth of the federal deficit threatens the security and sovereignty of our nation,

Whereas fiscal restraint is essential to responsible governance,

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party believes the U.S. Government should achieve a balanced budget through spending cuts, cutting entitlements and furthermore not increasing the current debt limit.

Be It Further Resolved that government spending at all levels be reduced, consistent with our national security, while balancing the federal budget and eliminate the national debt.

Further, be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls on the State of Wyoming legislature to pass a resolution calling for Congress to pass a balanced budget amendment.

7. Eminent Domain

Be it resolved the Wyoming Republican Party supports legislation to limit the power of governments to take private property.

8. Restructure and Simplify the Tax Code

Whereas the IRS tax code is too complicated, is incomprehensible to the American public, and is changing too often to make informed business or personal decisions,

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party believes the current IRS tax code should be simplified

Be it further resolved that a flat tax or fair tax be implemented.

9. Reverse Federal Reserve Policy Devaluing Our Currency

Whereas the Wyoming Republican Party opposes the uncontrolled printing or electronic creation of Federal Reserve notes by the Federal Reserve, and

Whereas by its printing of money and creation of loans to other central banks around the world, the Federal Reserve has greatly devalued our money, and

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Whereas the Federal Reserve has, in effect, created its own foreign policy, not subject to review or approval by our elected officials,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for a public audit of the Federal Reserve and the reinstatement of a commodity backed and stable currency.

10. Repeal the Affordable Care Act; Medical Care Reforms

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the immediate repeal or nullification of the Affordable Care Act and the defunding of all departments and agencies that were created, and

Be it resolved that to reduce the cost of health care and health care insurance the Wyoming Republican Party calls for tort reform, health insurance portability and allowing for the purchase of health insurance across state lines via the passage of Congress, and

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls upon the Administration to reverse this HHS mandate. Further, the Wyoming Republican Party calls upon the members of the United States Congress to act accordingly in defense of First Amendment rights, states' rights, rights of conscience, and freedom of religion, and,

Be it further resolved that the Affordable Care Act should be repealed.

11. Single Issue Legislation

Whereas the Wyoming Republican Party believes that earmarks cause budgetary inflation and allow special interests to hide behind larger issues

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the Congress of the United States to pass Senator Enzi's single issue legislation immediately and obey it for all bills.

12. Establish New Legislative Districts

Whereas the re-districting of the house and senate districts in the State of Wyoming is costly and introduces opportunities for gerrymandering,

Be it resolved that the Republican Party of Wyoming supports assigning legislative senate districts by county and legislative house of representative districts by population,

Be it further resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports bringing forth a constitutional amendment to allow for these changes

13. Maintain the Independent Status of an Elected Superintendent of Public Education

Whereas the State Superintendent of Public Education was established by the State Constitution as an independent elected office headed by an independent state officer answerable to the electorate, and

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Whereas Republicans recognize and respect the authority of parents over their children and all aspects of their own children's upbringing, including education, and

Whereas local Superintendents of Public Education are no longer elected, and consequently the State Superintendent is the only remaining education director in Wyoming who is directly accountable to the people of Wyoming, and

Whereas the Superintendent statutorily prescribed duties include service as an independent vote on State Boards and Commissions, and

Whereas the transfer of any the Superintendent's duties and powers to a Governor-appointed director would result in 'stacking' the vote of the Governor in these Boards and Commissions,

Be it resolved that the duties and powers of the office of Superintendent of Public Education shall be maintained as intended for an independent state officer, and shall not be dispersed in any manner to Governor-appointed directors, advisors or boards.

14. Maintain the Independent Status of an Elected Secretary of State

Whereas the Secretary of State was established by the State Constitution as an independent elected office headed by an independent state officer answerable to the electorate, and

Whereas Republicans recognize and respect the wisdom of separation of powers, and

Whereas the Secretary of State is also first in line to act as Governor if that elected official is removed or the seat is otherwise vacant, and therefore fills the role of Lieutenant Governor, and

Whereas the Secretary's statutorily prescribed duties include service as an independent vote on State Boards and Commissions, and

Whereas the transfer of any the Secretaries duties and powers to a Governor-appointed director, or a change in the law resulting in the office becoming one appointed by the Governor, and would result in 'stacking' the vote of the Governor in these Boards and Commissions,

Be it resolved that the Secretary of State shall remain an independent, elected state officer, and the duties and powers shall not be dispersed in any manner to Governor-appointed directors, advisors or boards, neither shall the position be statutorily altered to a Governor-appointed position.

15. Powers of the Sheriff, Primary Law Enforcement Official

Whereas The US Constitution only authorizes the federal government to punish three crimes: Treason (Article III, Section 3, Clause 3); Counterfeiting (Article I, Section 8, Clause 6), and Piracies (Article I, Section 8, Clause 10), and

Whereas Amendment X to the US Constitution declares, 'the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people, and

Whereas the county sheriff does not work for the federal government but rather is elected by the People of his county to serve them as their chief law enforcement officer within the Jurisdictional limits of the county,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party recognizes as a matter of law that the duly elected Sheriff in every Wyoming county is the authoritative law enforcement Officer in that county.

16. Prohibiting Coercion Conflicting with Religious Beliefs

Whereas, the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution proclaims, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...” which protects the right to choose religious beliefs and the right to “exercise” or practice those beliefs; and

Whereas, despite guarantees in the US Constitution, recent social and legal trends are threatening Freedom of Religion by erroneously interpreting the First Amendment to mean freedom from religion. Religion needs protection from the state, not the other way around; and

Whereas, Americans have a Constitutional right and duty to exercise their religion, to vote their consciences on public issues, and to participate in elections and in debates in the public square. These are the rights of all citizens, religious or not.

Be It Resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the right of institutions, businesses, and individuals to refuse services that are inconsistent with their religious tenets and that would infringe upon their freedom of conscience of religious expression as stated in the First Amendment. We believe it is our duty to protect that right by ensuring that no one is forced by the government to violate their conscience and deeply held religious beliefs.

17. End of Lifetime Benefits for Elected Officials

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the termination of public benefits for elected officials at the end of their public service.

18. Voter Registration - Require Proof of Identification

Whereas the law does not currently require sufficient proof of identity when voting in municipal, county, state and federal elections,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports legislation to require all voters in any Election to provide state-approved photo identification at the polling place.

19. English as the National Language

Whereas English is the language of our nation's founding documents,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports English as the national language.

20. Punishment of Culpable Bankers

Whereas big banks are being fined billions for price fixing and misuse of depositors’ funds, yet, unlike the savings and loan crisis where over 1000 officers went to prison, but now after 2008 there have been no prosecutions

Therefore be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party in every case of fines imposed on banks there be prosecutions of all culpable individuals.

21. Article 17 of the Wyoming Constitution - State Militia

Whereas Article 17 of the Wyoming Constitution requires the legislature and governor to establish a state militia

Be it resolved that a state militia be established by the Governor and state legislature through volunteer membership and put a method in place for communication in the case of an emergency.

Health and Society

1. Equal Parenting

Whereas, The State of Wyoming has as its motto the “Equality State” and the responsibility of making just decisions when a parental separation occurs it is in the best interest of the children that both parents be treated fairly.

Be It Resolved That: Parents be treated equally regardless of gender.

2. Right to Life

Be it resolved that the Republican Party believes that every human person has a right to life from the moment of conception until natural death.

3. Free Exchange of Ideas

Whereas the First Amendment is key to our Republic

Be it resolved that Wyoming Republican Party does not favor limiting the free exchange of ideas, such as there should be no speech codes or “safe zones” established on public property, including universities.

4. Planned Parenthood Funding

Whereas, Planned Parenthood organizations do exist;

Whereas the State of Wyoming currently allows monies to the State Health facilities who refer clients to Planned Parenthood,

Whereas Planned Parenthood nationally has engaged in selling fetal tissue and body parts of aborted babies,

Whereas the Wyoming Republican Party opposes abortion,

Be it resolved that no Planned Parenthood organization shall receive any government funds, either federal, state or local.

5. Retain Reference to God in the Pledge of Allegiance

Whereas God is to be honored in the Pledge of Allegiance for our nation to be truly blessed,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party upholds the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in its present form, including "Under God" in our public schools.

6. Re-establish Definition Of Marriage as One Man, One Woman

Whereas we believe strong traditional marriages and nuclear families have been the foundation of strong societies throughout the world, and the state has a compelling interest in traditional marriage as the best institution to provide good citizens, and

Whereas we believe that due to innate biological differences between men and women and the unique procreative capacity of an opposite-sex union, marriage has been understood in civilized society as only between a man and a woman, and

Whereas the creation, nurture, and socialization of the next generation is mainly accomplished through the family unit, and

Whereas where same-sex marriage has been legalized, legislative and court actions have shown that it is difficult for same-sex marriage and religious freedom and free speech to co-exist, and

Whereas where same-sex marriage has been legalized, schools have maintained that they can teach homosexuality to children K-12 without parental notification or consent, and

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party recognizes the importance of marriage being a union between a man and a woman in spite of recent court decisions to the contrary, and

Be it further resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls on government at all levels to protect religious liberty of those who refuse to participate in activities, in commerce or otherwise, which contradict their faith.

7. Daylight Savings Time

Whereas "Daylight Savings Time" is antiquated, Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the Wyoming to vacate annual time changes in favor of year around time zones applicable to all time zones.

8. Middle Eastern Christians

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports Israel and the Middle Eastern Christians that are in danger from extremist Islamic forces.

9. The Sale of Body Parts and Embryonic Stem Cell Cultivation

Whereas all human life is sacred, from conception until death,

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Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports legislation that forbids the sale of body parts and embryonic stem cell cultivation.

10. Welfare Reform

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports reforming welfare to require recipients to work and be drug tested.

Land, Agriculture, and Environment

1. Anthropogenic Climate Change

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes legislation and regulation in response to the hypothesis of anthropogenic (man made) climate change.

2. Private Property Rights

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party believes that the ownership of private property is a cornerstone to personal freedom in the Republic only so long as the rights of property owners are never infringed upon by government, industry, or any non-governmental collective at any level, thus allowing owners to do with their property as they see fit in the best interests of their own life, their family and their future heirs,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the protection of private property rights as long as it does not infringe on the rights of others.

3. Public Lands

Whereas, the federal government is failing to administer public lands in the best interest of the States and is failing to provide for multiple use and that the value of these lands are highly prized for public use,

Be it resolved that the Republican Party will work to transfer the administration of public lands to the States with the stipulation that the States will not sell or transfer to private use without three quarters authorization from the state legislature.

4. Federal Lands

Be it resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party believes all federally-held lands other than those defined in the U.S. Constitution must be expediently transferred to the states in which they physically exist in compliance with the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.

5. Agriculture

Whereas, the Wyoming Republican Party recognizes agriculture as a vital industry of Wyoming;

Therefore be it resolved the Wyoming Republican Party believes those who own and properly lease ranch and farm lands are invested in the land and are the best caretakers of this vital resource.

6. Natural Resources

Whereas The Wyoming Republican Party supports state's primacy over all water, wildlife, minerals, and natural resources within its boundaries, and;

Whereas the Wyoming Republican Party opposes the taking of private property by means of eminent domain by inverse condemnation for anything other than public use, and supports that annual compensation at current fair market value may be provided for such takings and must consider the loss of value through regulation as a compensable taking, and;

Whereas the Federal government has caused harm to the states that depend upon natural resources,

Be it resolved by the Wyoming Republican Party that the state of Wyoming shall be in control of all of our natural resources.

7. Elected Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners

Whereas the makeup of Wyoming Game and Fish Commission does not reflect the views of the demographic of Wyoming citizens(no more than four of the seven member board can be of one party and are appointed by the Governor);

Whereas the electorate of Wyoming is overwhelmingly Republican;

Whereas the wildlife in Wyoming by law belongs to the people of Wyoming;

Whereas the Commissioners are currently appointed by the Governor from the seven districts mostly made up of three counties each for a six year term;

Be it resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party strongly supports the Legislature to pass into law the Election of Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners by the people of each district; candidates originating from one county in the district on a rotational basis and that the term of office is six years.

8. Wyoming's Water Rights

Whereas the Wyoming Republican Party supports Wyoming's primacy over its water and the doctrine of prior appropriation,

Therefore be it resolved, the Wyoming Republican Party opposes any attempt to encroach upon water and/or water rights belonging to and administered by the State of Wyoming, and compels the state engineer to vigorously defend Wyoming's water rights, laws and compacts and,

Therefore be it further resolved, the Wyoming Republican Party supports the development and management of upstream water storage and other water projects to benefit Wyoming's economy.

9. Removal of Wolves and Grizzly Bears from the Endangered Species List

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the removal of wolves and grizzly bears from the Endangered Species List.

10. Reform the 'Equal Access to Justice Act'

Whereas the Equal Access to Justice Act provides monetary support to environmental groups and is often used to sue federal agencies,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports immediate reform, such that nongovernmental organizations shall not receive compensation under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

11. Ban Acceptance of Federal Animal Identification Program for Livestock

Whereas regarding livestock in the state of Wyoming, our Wyoming Livestock Board has an adequate and functional system in place for identification in case of an Animal Disease Traceback event, and

Whereas said Livestock Board is further improving identification and traceback capabilities by implementing a digital system that will be compliant with the federal rule, and

Whereas the Independent Cattlemen of Wyoming, a statewide agriculture organization formed to promote and protect Wyoming ranches and families has passed a similar resolution,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party demands that state legislation be passed banning any acceptance of a federal animal identification program.

12. Transfer of Public Lands

Be it resolved the Wyoming Republican Party that the Wyoming Republican Party calls upon the federal government to honor to all willing western states the same statehood promise to transfer title to the public lands that it honored with all states east of Colorado; and

Be it resolved the Wyoming Republican Party that the Wyoming Republican Party calls upon all national and state leaders and representatives to exert their utmost power and influence to urge the immediate transfer of public lands to all willing western states for the benefit of these western states and for the nation as a whole.

13. Multiple Use of Public Lands

Be resolved the Wyoming Republican Party supports the concept of access to and multiple-use of public lands, including agricultural and mining use of those lands.

14. Prohibit Infringement of Private Property for Sake of Sage Grouse

Whereas the Wyoming sage grouse core areas infringe on private property rights,

Whereas the BLM proposed to remove 15 million acres of public land in central Wyoming for sage grouse protection,

Be it resolved that Wyoming abandon the sage grouse core areas on all lands public and private, and

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party will resist any attempt by any federal or state entity to add additional restrictions or force unacceptable changes, and

Be it further resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls upon Governor Mead and future governors of Wyoming to summarily reject any attempt by the BLM to add additional restrictions or force unacceptable changes, and to send a letter of non-concurrence forthwith.

15. Re-establish State Control Over Water Resources

Whereas such agencies as the Environmental Protection Agency and their officials have imposed undue hardship on American citizens, particularly in production agriculture, and

Whereas Wyoming's water laws are recognized by surrounding states to be the best around, and

Whereas Wyoming's water should not come under the control of the federal government,

Be it resolved that "Navigable Waters" should continue to mean streams and rivers that are navigable year around. Further, the Clean Water Act should remain applicable only to Navigable Waters, and

Be it further resolved to oppose any attempt to export water from Wyoming and,

Therefore, be it further resolved the Wyoming Republican Party supports Wyoming's Sovereign right to manage all water within its borders

16. Abolishment of the US Environmental Protection Agency

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the abolition of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and that the current responsibilities of the EPA should remain with the individual states

17. Wyoming State Sovereignty Over Matters Within the State Boundary

Whereas all mankind is created equal and are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights. that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness; (Taken from Declaration of Independence), and

Whereas, These inalienable rights are being unduly abridged by Federal Acts such as the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, American Clean Energy and Security Act, etc. and innumerable regulations coming from unelected Federal agencies, bureaus, and organizations; and,

Whereas, Through local stewardship, local input, and local accountability Wyoming citizens can better manage our public lands and resources for multiple use while enhancing environmental values; and

Whereas, Wyoming State Statute 36 Chapter 12 explicitly states that Wyoming, through the U.S. Constitution, retains sovereignty over all matters within its boundaries excepting those specifically delegated to the federal level and that federal claims of control over land and minerals within the State's boundaries is unconstitutional and should be void;

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Therefore, Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party call upon the leadership of the State of Wyoming, the Wyoming Congressional Delegation and the leadership of our Federal Government to recognize Wyoming State Statute 36 Chapter 12 and promote and fully implement it to ensure the security of our Constitutionally protected inalienable Rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, as specified by the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

18. Action on Wilderness Study Areas

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the abolishment of the Wilderness Study Areas in Wyoming.

19. Rejection of Interest Group Manipulation of the US Forest Service

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the United States Forest Service to reject manipulations by the special interests groups to add lands to Wilderness Areas.

20. Mineral Property Valuation For Taxes and Fees

Be it resolved the Wyoming Republican Party stands in opposition to any legislation that imposes any tax, fee, or assessment on severed, mineral property without valuation.

21. UN Designations

Whereas the United States is a sovereign nation,

Be it resolved that we vehemently oppose any United Nations action designating use of land, water or air within the borders of the U.S. since cannot be done without appropriate congressional, state and local government approval.

Education

1. Reduction of Administrative Burden

Be It Resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls on Congress and the Wyoming Legislature to reduce the administrative burdens placed on school districts to allow districts to focus more of their resources on educating children.

2. Charter Schools

Be It Resolved, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls on the Wyoming Legislature to create laws more favorable to the creation and operation of charter schools in the State of Wyoming.

3. School Choice

Whereas the Wyoming Republican Party believes competition has benefited other aspects of society;

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Be it resolved the Wyoming Republican Party believes competition should be brought into education through school choice, including but not limited to vouchers, homeschooling without government intrusion, private schools and charter schools.

4. Establish School Vouchers

Whereas the public school system is a classic example of the inefficiency of a monopoly, and

Whereas we support ensuring equality of funding for all students, so that each student's share of education funds goes to the school the child attends, be that public school, charter school, private school or home school,

Be it resolved we call upon the state legislature to establish school vouchers to break the monopoly and give us the efficiency of competition, and

Be it further resolved that a voucher system be established to increase competition among private and public school districts, thereby leading to better education.

5. Education Standards

Be it resolved that the Republican Party believes that all education standards shall be delegated to the local school boards, with the State Board of Education having an advisory role.

6. Eliminate the U.S. Department of Education

Whereas the education of our young people is basic to the survival of our nation and future and because educational quality declines in proportion to federal involvement,

Be it resolved Congress eliminate the Department of Education and let the respective states manage public education within their borders.

7. Wyoming Control of Wyoming Education

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the prohibition by all Wyoming State officials from entering into any agreements or receiving funding that cede any measure of control over Wyoming education to entities outside the state and ensure that all content standards as well as curriculum and assessment decisions supporting those standards are adopted through a transparent statewide and/or local process fully accountable to the citizens in every school district in Wyoming.

8. Four Year programs at Community Colleges

Be it resolved the Wyoming Republican Party supports the ability of community colleges to offer four year programs.

9. STEM Education

Be it resolved the Wyoming Republican Party promotes a curriculum requiring science and technology in the classroom, including career technical education.

10. History

Whereas history education is lacking in the teaching of American History, specifically the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution,

Be it resolved that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for mandating the restoration of these subjects and the instruction of the development of the republican form of government including the differentiation between socialism, communism and capitalism.