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Resolution 2013-P17

Resolution Opposing State, Congressional District, Legislative District, and County Caucuses

Submitted by Twin Falls County Republican Party

WHEREAS, the right to participate in the electoral process is a fundamental underpinning of our Republican form of government; and

WHEREAS, there is no more important point in the Republican political process than the selection of nominees for public office; and

WHEREAS, Republican primary elections in Idaho are open only to registered Republicans; and

WHEREAS, there is, therefore, little danger of opponents of the Republican Party exerting significant influence over the selection of Republican nominees; and

WHEREAS, caucuses, by their very nature, limit the political process to those few able to attend them; and

WHEREAS, there are many elderly and ailing Republicans who are not able to attend hours of local caucus meetings; and

WHEREAS, loyal Idaho Republicans serving their country in the Armed Services are not able to attend local caucus meetings; and

WHEREAS, requiring Republican voters to attend four separate caucuses to cast the same votes they could have cast in a single primary will confuse, anger and discourage them; and

WHEREAS, banning Republicans from participation in the selection of Republican nominees will serve only our political opponents; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party should not seek and can not afford the condemnation that will surely follow any short-sighted attempt to impose a disenfranchising caucus system on Idaho Republicans; and

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Party has nothing to fear from allowing registered Republicans to select our nominees for public offices;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that this Republican Party stands for the proposition that our party is the strongest when more Republicans participate in selecting our candidates; that barriers to the political participation of registered Republicans should be removed, not erected; that elderly Republicans, and those Republicans serving outside of Idaho in the armed forces of our nation should not be disenfranchised; that primary elections open to all registered Republican voters are the best way for our party to field successful candidates at all levels within our state; and, that extending caucuses to United States Senate and Congressional, state, legislative, and county offices would undermine the very principles of our party and betray the trust of those who have loyally supported this Grand Old Party.

Resolution 2013-P18

A Resolution supporting HR 2124- Keeping the Promise Act

Submitted by Bjorn Handeen

WHEREAS, the 1986 IRCA amnesty bill promised that the border would be secured so that illegal immigration would stop and future amnesties would be unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, after nearly thirty years the failure to keep that promise has caused some in Congress to propose yet another mass amnesty bill; and

WHEREAS, Congressman John Barrow of Georgia has introduced H.R. 2124, entitled Keeping the Promise of IRCA Act; and

WHEREAS, this bill would mandate implementation of all the enforcement promises made, but not kept, in the 1986 IRCA amnesty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Republican Party of Idaho urges Representative Raul Labrador to cosponsor and support this legislation.

Resolution 2013-P19

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF IDAHO'S CURRENT ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS AND POLICIES

Submitted by Cornel Rasor, Bonner County Republican Central Committee, Author -Stephen Smith

WHEREAS, proper anti-discrimination laws can only protect citizens from discrimination that is against (1) their constitutional rights or (2) a person's unchangeable characteristics; and,

WHEREAS, gender identity, or sexual preference, is not a constitutional right; and,

WHEREAS, gender identity, or sexual preference, is not an unchangeable characteristic; and,

WHEREAS, current Idaho laws already prohibit discrimination based on race, color, sex, national origin, and religion; and,

WHEREAS, a municipal anti-discrimination ordinance that goes beyond prohibiting discrimination based on constitutional rights and/or a person's unchangeable characteristics would lead to dangerous limits on individual liberty and inhibit commerce; and,

WHEREAS, the legislature has already established laws that provide a uniform, state-wide anti-discrimination policy that fosters interstate commerce;

It is therefore resolved that the Bonner County Republican Central Committee recommends that our legislators support Idaho's current anti-discrimination laws and policies, and enact a law that would make unenforceable any municipal ordinances that would seek to expand categories of prohibited discrimination beyond current state anti-discrimination laws and policies.

Resolution 2013-P20

Idaho Legislature to Propose and Adopt State Lands Disposition from the United States:

Submitted by Bonner County republican Central Committee

WHEREAS, approximately Sixty-three percent of Lands within the geographic boundaries of the State of Idaho are currently controlled by the United States federal government, their agencies and departments; and,

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Idaho Constitution clearly states: "All Property and institutions of the territory, shall, upon adoption of the constitution, become the property and institutions of the state of Idaho." And,

WHEREAS, Article XXI, Section 19 of the Idaho Constitution further states: "...the people of the state of Idaho do agree and declare that we forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated public lands lying within the boundaries thereof,...until the title thereto shall have been extinguished by the United States,..." and,

WHEREAS, said lands were properly disposed of with extinguished title upon ratification of the Idaho State Constitution establishing Idaho as a State by Sovereign Power and upon removal of the Territorial government; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho's status as a free and independent State and as "fully equal" to all other states of the Union has been jeopardized by the federal management of "so called" federal lands which has jeopardized our economy and the funding of our schools; and,

WHEREAS, One-hundred and Twenty-two years since statehood admission seems sufficient time for the settlement of title to the state of all needful un-apportioned and untaxed lands;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee adopts this Resolution to urge the Idaho State Senate and the House of Representatives to introduce, amend as appropriate and pass, and for the Governor to sign, an Act specifying the following;

A bill similar to Utah House Bill HB-148, amended for the unique requirements of Idaho State Lands, passed in the Utah State Legislature and signed by the Utah Governor, March 23, 2012.

Further be it resolved that, the purpose of any such bill before the Idaho legislature being to finally settle, convey and to extinguish all federal control to state land title and legitimate claims that would naturally fall within state jurisdiction for perpetuity if Article X, Section 4 and Article XXI, Section 19 of the Idaho State Constitution had been properly executed following Idaho's admission as a State.

Resolution 2013-P21

The Second Amendment Resolution

Submitted by Cornel Rasor, Bonner County Republican Central Committee

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution prohibits any infringement of the Natural and Pre-existing right to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, Only laws made “in Pursuance thereof” the Constitution are deemed valid; and

WHEREAS, The State of Idaho has all the powers not granted to the federal government including the powers mentioned in the ninth and tenth amendments to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Bonner County, being a duly recognized political subdivision of the State of Idaho, has the authority to honor Constitutional laws and disregard laws not made “in Pursuance thereof” the Constitution;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Bonner County Republican Central Committee strongly urges the Bonner County Commissioners to enact the following Ordinance following the example of the Founders and many States, Sheriffs and local jurisdictions throughout the United States to wit:

AN Ordinance, which shall be known and may be cited as the “2nd Amendment Preservation Ordinance.”

To prevent federal infringement on the right to keep and bear arms; nullifying all federal acts in violation of the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BONNER COUNTY DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Bonner County Board of Commissioners finds that:

A. The 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows, “A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

B. Most federal acts, laws, orders, rules or regulations regarding firearms are a violation of the 2nd Amendment

SECTION 2: PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL INFRINGEMENT OF THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

A. The Bonner County Board of Commissioners declares that all federal acts, laws, orders, rules, regulations – past, present or future – which prohibitively restrict the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States are not authorized by the Constitution of the United States and violate its true meaning and intent as given by the Founders and Ratifiers, and are hereby declared to be invalid in this county, shall not be recognized by this county, are specifically rejected by this county, and shall be considered null and void and of no effect in this county.

B. It shall be the duty of the Sheriff of this County to take such measures as may be necessary to prevent the enforcement of any federal acts, laws, orders, rules, or regulations which violate the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

SECTION 3 EFFECTIVE DATE

A. This act takes effect upon approval by the Bonner County Board of Commissioners

Resolution 2013-P22

Resolution on the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution

Submitted by Idaho County Republican Central Committee

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States explicitly states the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; and

WHEREAS, the administration of the Current President of the United States continues to seek to infringe on those rights; and

WHEREAS, a number of legislators in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives continue to seek to enact legislation to infringe on the rights of the people to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the founders of this nation was that militia referred to in the second amendment is the people, or citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, the militia is not the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment is the weapon of last resort of the people to secure their liberty from and assault on their liberty, foreign or domestic; and

WHEREAS, the disarming of a people is a step that leads to despotism and the destruction of individual liberty; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United State of America was created and ratified to “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity;”

THEREFORE, we call upon the legislature of the State of Idaho to:

Enact additional legislation in the state of Idaho that will preserve the rights of the citizens of Idaho to keep and bear arms. Specifically, but not limited to bills like HO229, HO183, S1099 of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, 2013.

To repeal existing legislation that weakens the rights of the citizens of Idaho to keep and bear arms, and to educate itself on the importance, history and intent of the founding fathers in ratifying the “Bill of Rights”, including the Second Amendment.

Resolution 2013-P23

A resolution in support of Idaho current anti-discrimination laws and policies

Submitted by Idaho County Republican Central Committee

WHEREAS, proper anti-discrimination laws can only protect citizens from discrimination that is against (1) their constitutional rights or (2) a person's unchangeable characteristics; and

WHEREAS, gender identity, or sexual preference, is not a constitutional right; and

WHEREAS, gender identity, or sexual preference, is not an unchangeable characteristic; and

WHEREAS, current Idaho laws already prohibit discrimination based on race, color, sex, national origin, and religion; and

WHEREAS, a municipal anti-discrimination ordinance that goes beyond prohibiting discrimination based on constitutional rights and/or a person's unchangeable characteristics would lead to dangerous limits on individual liberty and inhibit commerce; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has already established laws that provide a uniform, state-wide antidiscrimination policy that fosters interstate commerce;

It is therefore resolved, that the Idaho County Republican Central Committee recommends that our legislators support Idaho's current anti-discrimination laws and policies, and enact a law that would make unenforceable any municipal ordinances that would seek to expand categories of prohibited discrimination beyond current state anti-discrimination laws and policies.

Resolution 2013-P24

Resolution on Common Core State Standards and Assessments

Submitted by Idaho County Republican Central Committee

WHEREAS, The Common Core State Standards Initiative ("Common Core"), also known as "Idaho's Core Standards," is not an Idaho state standards initiative, but rather a set of nationally-based standards and tests developed through a collaboration between two NGO's (non-governmental organizations), the National Governor's Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and unelected boards and consortia from outside the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Common Core was financed with private foundation funds, replacing the influence of our votes and to bypass our state legislature and impose top down control over Idaho's education standards and tests; and

WHEREAS, Common Core binds us to an established copyright over standards and tests; and

WHEREAS, the General Education Provisions Act prohibits federal authority over curriculum and testing, yet the U.S. Department of Education's "Cooperative Agreements" confirm Common Core's test-building and data collection is federally managed; and

WHEREAS, "student behavior indicators" – which include testing for mental health, social and cultural (i.e. religious) habits and attitudes and family status – are now being used for Common Core tests and assessments; and

WHEREAS, Common Core violates federal privacy laws by requiring the storage and sharing of private student and family data without consent; using a pre-school through post-graduate (P-20) tracking system and a federally-funded State Longitudinal Database (SLDS), creating surveillance capability between states and federal agencies, and

WHEREAS, Common Core violates constitutional and statutory prohibitions by pressuring states to adopt the standards with financial incentives tied to President Obama's *Race to the Top*, and if not adopted, penalties including loss of funds; and

WHEREAS, this top-down process and the principles behind Common Core undermine the teacher's role and do not support American and Republican ideal of local control, parental choice in education, standards and testing; and

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee recently passed a resolution opposing Common Core State Standards citing it "do[es] not believe in a one size fits all approach to education and support providing broad education choices to parents and children at the State and local level which is best based on free market approach to education for students to achieve individual excellence;" and the "RNC recognizes the CCSS for what it is – an inappropriate overreach to standardize and control the education of our children so they will conform to a preconceived 'normal;'" and

WHEREAS, The Idaho County Republican Central Committee rejects the collection of personal student data for any non-educational purpose without the prior written consent of an adult students or a child student's parent and that it rejects the sharing of such personal data, without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student's parent, with any person or entity other than the school or education agencies within the state; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we call on the Governor and the Idaho State Department of Education to withdraw from, and we ask the Idaho State Legislature to discontinue funding programs in association with, The Common Core State Standards Initiative/Idaho's Core and any other alliance that promotes and tests for similar or same curricula, standards and assessments, and restore Idaho's education back to state and local control.

Resolution 2013-P25

Resolution concerning Common Core education standards

Submitted by Cornel Rasor Bonner County Republican Central Committee

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a set of academic standards, promoted and supported by two private membership organizations, the National Governor's Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) as a method for conforming American students to uniform ("one size fits all") achievement goals to make them more competitive in a global marketplace;ⁱ and

WHEREAS, the NGA and the CCSSO, received tens of millions of dollars from private third parties to advocate for and develop the CCSS strategy, subsequently created the CCSS through a process that was not subject to any freedom of information acts or other sunshine laws, and never piloted the CCSS; and

WHEREAS, even though Federal Law prohibits the federalizing of curriculumⁱⁱ, the Obama Administration accepted the CCSS plan and used 2009 Stimulus Bill money to reward the states that were most committed to the president's

CCSS agenda; but, they failed to give states, their legislatures and their citizens time to evaluate the CCSS before having to commit to them; and

WHEREAS, the NGA and CCSSO in concert with the same corporations developing the CCSS ‘assessments’ have created new textbooks, digital media and other teaching materials aligned to the standards which must be purchased and adopted by local school districts in order that students may effectively compete on CCSS ‘assessments’; and

WHEREAS, the CCSS program includes federally funded testing and the collection and sharing of massive amounts of personal student and teacher data; and

WHEREAS, the CCSS effectively removes educational choice and competition since all schools and all districts must use Common Core ‘assessments’ based on the Common Core standards to allow all students to advance in the school system and to advance to higher education pursuits; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Bonner County Republican Central Committee, as stated in the 2012 National Republican Party Platform, “do[es] not believe in a one size fits all approach to education and support[s] providing broad education choices to parents and children at the State and local level,” (p35),ⁱⁱⁱ which is best based on a free market approach to education for students to achieve individual excellence; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Bonner County Republican Central Committee recognizes the CCSS for what it is– an inappropriate overreach to standardize and control the education of our children so they will conform to a preconceived “normal,” and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Bonner County Republican Central Committee rejects the collection of personal student data for any non-educational purpose without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student’s parent and that it rejects the sharing of such personal data, without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student’s parent, with any person or entity other than schools or education agencies within the state, and be it finally

RESOLVED, Since the 2012 National Republican Party Platform specifically states the need to repeal the numerous federal regulations which interfere with State and local control of public schools, (p36);^{iv} the Bonner County Republican Central Committee rejects this CCSS plan which creates and fits the country with a nationwide straitjacket on academic freedom and achievement.

References:

¹ www.corestandards.org

¹ Federal Law 20 USC 1232a-Sec. 1232a. and The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Pub.L. 89-10, 79 Stat. 27, 20 U.S.C. ch. 70.
<http://us-code.vlex.com/vid/prohibition-against-federal-control-19195093>

¹ http://www.gop.com/rnc_counsel/

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Resolution 2013-P26

Calling for an end of Federal funding for radical liberal groups engaged in voter fraud

Submitted by Mike Adams

WHEREAS, honest and fair voting practices are fundamental to maintaining an ordered structure of liberty and confidence in the Republican form of government and democracy; and

WHEREAS, radical organizations such as A.C.O.R.N (the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) have received federal funding in the past; and

WHEREAS, such radical organizations have engaged in voter fraud practices while being funded by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, voter fraud practices threaten the fundamental Constitutional and moral values upon which the United States is founded, and

WHEREAS, radical organizations have received and continue to seek funding from the federal government, and

WHEREAS, tax revenues should be safeguarded particularly from organizations that seek to dilute and destroy our ordered structure of liberty; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party Central Committee of Idaho condemns the past use or future use of federal tax revenues to fund in whole or in part any organization associated directly or indirectly with perpetrating voter fraud and further resolve that no elected official shall under any circumstances vote to fund with tax dollars any such radical organization.

Resolution 2013-P27

Calling for an end to “Bailouts” for banks and other private institutions

Submitted by Mike Adams

WHEREAS, the federal government was created to serve a limited and well defined role in sustaining an ordered system of liberty and economic security; and

WHEREAS, by any definition the role of the federal government does not include spending scarce tax dollars to bail out reckless and improvident spending by banks or other private institutions; and

WHEREAS, fundamental principles central to a free market oppose the notion that banks or any other private institution are “too big to fail”; and

WHEREAS, free market principles rather than “bailouts” provide for the long term economic stability and growth of a society; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican party condemns any past support and opposes any future support from Idaho’s Congressional Delegation to vote for or otherwise advocate for spending tax dollars on any bailout of any bank or private institution.

Resolution 2013-P28

Calling for the end of earmarks in Federal legislation

Submitted by Doyle Beck

WHEREAS, earmarks are portions of bills that sponsors include to benefit projects in their districts, or those of the bill's cosponsors, which often fund expensive localized projects with national taxpayer dollars, such as lobster institutes and grape genetics research facilities; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of earmarks is a political act performed by legislators to secure reelection, without thought of their responsibility to safeguard the taxpayers of the United States against frivolous spending; and

WHEREAS, the practice of earmarking contributes to diverting loyalties from Idaho's elected officials to special interest groups; and

WHEREAS, the practice of earmarking has contributed to trillions of dollars in national debt, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Idaho denounces the inclusion of earmarks in all federal legislation.

Resolution 2013-P29

Calling for an end to debt ceiling increases

Submitted by Doyle Beck

WHEREAS, the national debt of the United States of American currently exceeds \$16.8 trillion and is projected to top \$20 trillion in a few years; and

WHEREAS, the national debt is increasing at a rate of over \$2 billion every day; and

WHEREAS, the debt ceiling has been reached, and raised, three times since 2008, and several times in years past; and

WHEREAS, Congress has demonstrated an inability to cut federal spending in any meaningful way instead opting to increase the debt ceiling to fund further reckless and unwise spending; and

WHEREAS, increasing the debt ceiling results in more government borrowing and mortgaging the financial stability of future generations and the prosperity of the nation as a whole; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Idaho will opposes any further increases to the debt ceiling without an immediate reduction in federal spending equal to at least the amount of any further debt ceiling increases.

Resolution 2013-P30

Calling for an end to federal stimulus spending

Submitted by Jonathan Haines

WHEREAS, the federal government has a limited and well-defined Constitutional role in promoting and protecting economic prosperity in the United States, and

WHEREAS, this role does not include the redistribution of wealth under the façade of stimulus spending, and

WHEREAS, stimulus spending is a politicized practice that often does not render the desired result of reversing economic recession but instead creates a perpetual system of government dependence, and

WHEREAS, stimulus spending has been proven to lead to increased national debt and economic hardship; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican party condemns stimulus spending as a method of forwarding current economic troubles to the next generation and preventing the innovative nature of the American people from creating long-term solutions to the nation's current economic plight.

Resolution 2013-P31

Calling for cuts to government spending, an end to tax increases

Submitted by Jonathan Haines

WHEREAS, the economic state of the United States is in dire condition, and

WHEREAS, the overreaching hand of the Federal Government has taken hold of nearly every facet of life in America through unwanted, unnecessary and expensive stimulus programs, projects, and regulations.

WHEREAS, the Federal Government continues to spend billions of dollars every year on frivolous and unprofitable endeavors, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has determined to counterbalance wasteful expenditures by repeatedly increasing taxes on every American, and

WHEREAS, legislators have failed to keep their promises to vote against tax increases and wasteful practices and projects, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Republican Party Central Committee of Idaho sees the immediate need for an overall reduction in the size and scope of the federal government;

Be it further Resolved, That the Republican Party Central Committee of Idaho opposes any federal tax increase on the marginal tax rate on the American people and further opposes any federal tax increase on the American people without a corresponding cut in federal spending equal to such tax increase; and

Be it further Resolved, That the Republican Party Central Committee of Idaho denounces those legislators who fail to uphold their commitments or pledges to oppose tax increases as set forth in this resolution.

Resolution 2013-P32

Putting the Republic back in Republican

Submitted by Elmore County Central Committee

WHEREAS, ambiguity in statutes is not acceptable, this is a housekeeping measure seeking to clarify **ambiguous** language referring to such codes as follow

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IC 7-1303(3) "Executive officer" means the **de jure-or-de facto**¹ governor of **this-state**, mayor, chairman, president or other titular head or chief official of the political subdivision proceeding under this chapter, but "executive officer" does not include a city manager, county manager or other chief administrator of a **political-subdivision** who is not its elected head.

WHEREAS, "... means the **de jure or de facto**..." definition of words de jure, or, and defacto are unclear – see Be It Resolved

WHEREAS, "... governor of **this state**..." appears to be a *word of art* or legalese having a predefined definition aside from either word – see Be It Resolved

WHEREAS, these three words; **the**, **this**, and **that** when combined with the word "**state**" in any style manual combinations define different **jurisdictions**

WHEREAS, **public** and **private** as being political subdivisions are further ambiguities

Therefore Be It Resolved, in all existing and new statutes footnote words of art so individuals are able to understand which republic jurisdiction is being applied

Be It Further Resolved, in the accepted style manual, we would prefer to have words of art defined in each chapter or subsection where used

Be It Finally Resolved, regarding terms of art; de jure, defacto, the, this, that, public, and private, we require the Idaho legislature to proactively resolve the ambiguity in the statute by updating the statute and by updating definitions in each title when used or preferably, in the alternative, adopting a wholly new subsection of code to display their interrelation

Some general principles of statutory interpretation:

- (1) When interpreting a statute, Courts must strive to give force and effect to the legislature's intent in passing the statute. **It must begin with the literal words of the statute; those words must be given their plain, usual, and ordinary meaning;** and the statute must be construed as a whole. Where the language of a statute is plain and unambiguous, Courts must give effect to the statute as written, without engaging in statutory construction.
- (2) Courts recognize and consider other factors such as "the exact language, the context of the language, the reasonableness of a proposed interpretation, and the policy reasons for the statute."

¹While hyphenated text is used to show a group of words having one meaning; these words are actually not hyphenated when used.

Resolution 2013-P33

Opposing Daylight Savings Time

Submitted by Boise County Republican Central Committee

WHEREAS, the states of Arizona and Hawaii have chosen to remain on standard time year-round; and

WHEREAS, the majority of people are aggravated and annoyed at having to change all their clocks every 6 months; and

WHEREAS, there is no logical reason to perform this inconvenience, as it does not “save energy”, and air conditioners must remain on an extra hour before the sun goes down; and

WHEREAS, there are still 24 hrs. in a day and the same amount of daylight no matter where the clocks are set (i.e. no “savings” of daylight).

Therefore be it resolved, that the legislators of the State of Idaho join with other states and end the so-called “Daylight Savings Time”.

Adopted and Approved May 30, 2013

Boise County Republican Central Committee

Signed: John Blattler Chairman

Resolution 2013-P34

Official Archive online of Resolutions passed by State Central Committee

Submitted by Ryan Davidson

WHEREAS, resolutions that are passed by the State Central Committee are not archived on the Party's website; and,

WHEREAS, the discussion of resolutions constitutes a significant amount of the business conducted by the State Central Committee; and,

WHEREAS, without an official archive of resolutions passed by the State Central Committee it is difficult to track whether such resolutions have achieved their desired result;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Central Committee shall cause each successfully-adopted resolution to be posted on the Party's website, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any resolution commands that a certain action shall be taken, the status of such action shall also be posted on the Party's website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any resolution takes a position on any pending legislation at any level of government -- whether or not a bill or ordinance number is cited -- the votes of Republican elected officials, or non-partisan elected officials (as the case may be) on such legislation shall be recorded and posted on the Party's website.

Resolution 2013-P35

Video Record the State Central Committee and Publish on website

Submitted by Ryan Davidson, Ada County State youth Committee Person

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee conducts business three times per year; and,

WHEREAS, the business conducted by the State Central Committee is largely policy-based; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Republican Party who cannot attend the State Central Committee meetings are interested in watching the proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for Republicans around the state to watch State Central Committee meetings could increase interest in the Party and general knowledge of party operations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Central Committee shall cause all subsequent meetings -- specifically the Rules and Resolutions Committee hearings and the General Session -- to be video recorded and posted online in a public fashion.

Resolution 2013-P36

PPACA Opposition

Submitted by Ron Nate

WHEREAS, we as Republicans are not in favor of any form of socialized medicine at the local, state, or national level,

WHEREAS, we also affirm that we reject PPACA as a viable option to our healthcare issues or concerns for the above mentioned areas, and that the attending requirements of establishing a State Health Insurance Exchange is the wrong direction for Idaho, therefore

Be it resolved, that the Idaho Republican Party reaffirm to the Governor of Idaho and State Legislators that we call upon all Republican governing officials and legislators--who wish to remain in good standing with the Republican Party--to do everything in their power to keep us from cooperating in any form or manner, or complying with any provisions of PPACA.

Resolution 2013-P38

Opposition to Sections 1021 and 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) FY 2012

Submitted by Harmony Rice, Legislative District 12 Chair

WHEREAS, the 5th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits the federal government in the deprivation of "life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;" and

WHEREAS, Article I Section 13 of the Idaho Constitution guarantees a "right to a speedy and public trial" and prohibits the State of Idaho in the deprivation of "life, liberty or property without due process of law;" and

WHEREAS, Sections 1021 and 1022 of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2012 codifies the indefinite military detention without charge or trial of U.S. citizens or persons within the United States of America far from any battlefield thereby violating the U.S. Constitution and Idaho Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Sections 1021 and 1022 of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2012 appears to conflict with the Posse Comitatus Act; and

WHEREAS, under our system of checks and balances, no president has the power to take the country into war, except as James Madison wrote, “to repel a sudden attack on the United States” and that only Congress has the constitutional power to declare war:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Republican Party opposes Sections 1021 and 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 and does hereby respectfully urge the Idaho Legislature and Governor to nullify Sections 1021 and 1022 in order to prevent any agency, political subdivision, employee, or member of the Idaho militia from assisting the armed forces of the United States of America in the investigation, arrest, prosecution, or indefinite detention without charge or trial of any person within the United States of America; to call upon Congress to repeal the mandatory military detention and indefinite detention provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 and affirm the prohibition against the use of the military domestically; to call upon Congress to assert its paramount constitutional role in formal declarations of war.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Idaho Republican Party State Central Committee adopt this resolution at its meeting in June 2013.

Resolution 2013-P39

Support of County Management of public lands pertaining to the transfer of public lands

Submitted by Idaho County

WHEREAS, the Idaho State legislature passed Concurrent Resolutions HCR 22 to demand the federal government extinguish title to Idaho’s Public Lands and transfer title to those lands to the state of Idaho and,

Wherease, the Idaho State legislature passed Concurrent Resolutions HCR 21 stating findings of the legislature and authorizing the legislative council to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study for the process of the state acquiring title to and control of public lands controlled by the federal government in the state of Idaho,

WHEREAS, the individual and local control of property is essential to liberty, and is the fruit and substance that gives life its meaning; Whereas as economist John Kenneth Galbraith once said “where socialized ownership of the land is concerned, only the USSR and China can claim company with the United States,”

WHEREAS, the federal government, that is drowning in debts, deficits and unfunded obligations, can’t afford to keep paying counties and state to not utilize the lands and resources within their boundaries;

Whereas the federal government honored to Hawaii and all states east of Colorado the same statehood promise made to all states that it would transfer title to the public lands upon admission to the Union;

Therefore be it resolved that, the Idaho State Republican Central Committee adopts this resolution to fully support the Idaho State legislature in this endeavour to secure state ownership of our public lands to better care for the lands; fund education; protect access; create jobs; and grow local, state, and national economies;

Be it Further Resolved that, said lands to be transferred to the state of Idaho shall be for the benefit of local counties, municipalities and the common benefit of the state, and local and boards shall be established consisting of a county commissioner, school board trustee from each district within the county, a representative of incorporated

townships within the county, and two at large representatives from the county; Such boards are to insure the proper care and management of natural resources while utilizing said resources for funding education and the funding of county governments and municipalities.

Resolution 2013-P40

Support of State of Idaho's Approach to minimize Sage Grouse threats

Submitted by Richard Savage

Whereas the sage grouse, a ground dwelling bird native to millions of acres in Idaho, has been petitioned repeatedly to be given protection under the Endangered Species Act,

Whereas if applied in an arbitrary and capricious manner, regulatory actions resulting from this protection could end multiple use on millions of acres of Idaho range lands, and the loss of access to natural resources would be devastating to Idaho's economy; and

Whereas the State of Idaho, in consultation with Federal land and wildlife management agencies, has worked for almost 2 decades in local, state and regional working groups to develop biological and ecological actions to assist the bird.

And Whereas these groups have utilized the best science possible by utilizing mentoring by Idaho Fish and Game's expert grouse biologist as well as ecological guidance from scientist from University of Idaho and other experts to develop sound scientific actions,

And Whereas the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is under court order to announce a final decision on the listing of sage grouse under the Endangered Species act by the end of 2015.

And Whereas in February of 2012 , by executive order, Governor Otter established the Idaho State sage grouse task force to supplement the aforementioned ecological and biological plans of the Working Groups with the regulatory mechanisms needed by United States Fish and Wildlife to avoid a listing. Again this task force was mentored by the leading scientist on the bird as well as receiving much tutoring from U.S. Fish and Wildlife personnel to develop regulatory mechanisms that address the bird's threats while protecting multiple use mandates on public lands.

And Whereas the State has received a concurrence letter from the Wildlife Service stating that Idaho has made significant progress toward development of a plan that addresses the Services identified threats.

Therefore be it resolved that the Idaho State Republican party will work at all levels of local, state and federal governments to assure that the collaborative scientific approach utilized by the State of Idaho thus far in the conservation efforts on behalf of the bird be recognized for its productive approach and be continued to develop solutions to minimize threats to the bird.

Be it further resolved the Idaho GOP recognize the stewardship by Governor Otter and his staff of this issue as well as other state and federal collaborators.

Resolution 2013-P41

Supporting the full and present implementation of transfer of Public Lands within Idaho Submitted by Benewah and LD 5

WHEREAS, at statehood, the federal government promised all states that would transfer title to the public lands within the newly created states; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Supreme Court has called these promises “solemn compact,” bilateral agreements,” and “trusts” that must be performed “in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, Idaho and the other western states are still waiting for the federal government to keep the same promise to them that it made and kept with all states east of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, states like Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi were once as much as 90% federally controlled for decades; and

WHEREAS, these “western states” (as they called themselves at the time) succeeded in compelling the federal government to transferee their public lands because they understood the history of the public lands the duty of the federal government to dispose of the same. and they banded together and refused to take “No” for an answer because federally controlled public lands prevented them from (i) generating tax revenues to educate children, (ii) growing their economies, and (iii) responsibly managing their abundant natural resources; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the promise is the same to dispose of the public lands upon being admitted as states, east of Colorado have less than 5% federally controlled lands, while the Western States (excluding Hawaii) have more than 50% federally controlled lands; and

WHEREAS, in Idaho the federal government controls nearly 67% of our lands; and

WHEREAS, withdrawals of public lands from use and economic activity, through such federal actions as monuments and wilderness designations, constricts the value of Idaho School Trust Lands and reduces the funds available for educating our children; and

WHEREAS, state and local government officials have a crucial responsibility to manage abundant lands resources strategically and prudently for the health and safety of our cities; and

WHEREAS, in the 2013 session, the Idaho House and Senate passed by a majority the Transfer of Public Lands HR22 Resolution on Federal Transfer of Public to establish the framework and deadline for the orderly transfer of federal public lands to the State; and

WHEREAS, under the Transfer of Public Lands federal public lands will become State public lands to be managed through local planning for the multiple-use (including traditional uses like hunting, fishing recreation, grazing, open space, economic activity, etc.) and the sustained yield of our abundant natural resources on state public lands; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of Public Lands has received broad support from the governor, state legislators, members of Idaho congressional delegation and other public officials, and private individuals and organizations within the state and in our neighboring western states; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Transfer of Public Lands will require the persistent and relentless efforts of Idaho's attorney general, legislature along with the unwavering support of local governments and public and private individuals and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Idaho Republican State Central Committee wholeheartedly support the passage of the Transfer of Public Lands HCR22 hold the federal government to its long overdue promise to transfer title to public lands to the State. to protect the State's public education system and economic vitality. and to preserve the important historical and cultural contribution that our public lands provides to the State of Idaho the nation and world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon its fellow representatives, including particularly Idaho's governor, attorney general, and Idaho legislature to exercise authority to fully implement the Transfer of Public Lands and secure the transfer of our public lands of the State with time being of the essence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said lands to be transferred to the state of Idaho shall be for the benefit of local counties, municipalities and the common benefit of the state, and that local land boards shall be established consisting of a county commissioner, school board trustee from each district within the county, a representative of incorporated townships within the county, and two at large representatives from the county; Such boards are to insure the proper care and management of natural resources while utilizing said resources for funding education and the funding of county governments and municipalities.

Resolution 2013-P42

Calling for the Idaho Legislature to question the legality of federal laws, rules, regulations, mandates and decisions and provide for state oversight of the same

Submitted by Camas County Central Committee

WHEREAS, the United States of America is an entity that is a voluntary and contractual compact among the several Sovereign States providing for harmony and protection among them for problems of mutual concern, and

WHEREAS, this compact is a contract founded upon certain concessions and assurances which are necessary to the preservation of our Republic as are defined in the Constitution of the United States of America and which were fully vetted and agreed to and then augmented by the "Bill of Rights" in order to gain the consensus necessary to form our sacred Union, and

WHEREAS, one of the ten Rights of the Bill of Rights which was indispensable to the agreement to ratify of the Constitution ... "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." ... was inserted by the Founders of our nation to specifically preclude the misinterpretation of the text of the body of the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Federal government, through legislative action by the Judiciary, un-Constitutional Legislative actions and Executive action not authorized by the Congress, has blatantly and consistently misconstrued the Constitution and therefore has broken its contractual covenants with the State of Idaho, and

WHEREAS, this State has been constantly and consistently assailed by laws, rules, regulations, mandates, oversights and decisions of the Federal government that are nowhere authorized in the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, these un-Constitutional and therefore illegal, laws, rules, regulations, mandates, oversights and decisions have caused the State of Idaho, by its acquiescence, to become subservient and inferior to Federal

departments, corps, courts, bureaus, agencies, bureaucrats and quasi-police forces to the detriment and distress of our populace, and

WHEREAS, these distresses to our understanding of the Compact and Agreement between the State of Idaho and the United States of America have not nor are they are likely to be, because of past experience, relieved by appeal to the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary branches of the Federal government because they obviously have historically and are now acting singly or severally in concert to, disregard the sovereignty of our State, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Idaho has, as its most sacred duty, the manifest obligation to protect their constituents from tyranny from whatever quarter it may come, now therefore let it be

Resolved, that the Republican Party of the State of Idaho respectfully urges that the Legislature of the State of Idaho, the Senate and House of Representatives Concurring, form a joint committee to review, in response to a referendum, petition of a stated size or at the call of a small, fixed and finite number of members of the Legislature, any particular laws, rules, regulations, mandates, oversights or decisions coming from Federal sources that are asserted to be contrary to the powers granted to the Federal government under the Constitution, and be it

Further Resolved, that the joint committee review judicial interpretations of the Constitution and its Amendments that are asserted to be contrary to this State's understanding of our ratification of those precepts spoken to, and be it

Further Resolved, that the committee report its findings to the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislature with recommendations for relief, and upon the report of the committee finding the law, rule, regulation, mandate, oversight or decision in breach of the State's compact with Federal Union, that the Legislature institute laws forbidding the execution of and prescribing penalties for attempts to enforce, within the boundaries of this State, the law, rule, regulation, mandate, oversight or decision in question.

Resolution 2013-P43

Repeal of the 1906 Antiquities Act

Submitted by Lenore Hardy Barrett, State Committeewoman

WHEREAS, it was posted on May 13, 2013, in the Idaho Statesman that "Ag secretary Tom Vilsack said the Obama Administration will work collaboratively to evaluate the Boulder-White Clouds area as a possible National Monument;" and

WHEREAS, The Boulder-White Clouds is located in Custer County; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has already in 2013 designated 5 National Monuments utilizing the Antiquities Act, with 8 more still under consideration, giving the President sole discretion to establish federally managed National Monuments with a single stroke of pen; and

WHEREAS, the original intent of the Act was "...for protection of objects of historical and scientific interest resulting from concerns about protecting mostly prehistoric Indian ruins and artifacts, termed antiquities."; and

WHEREAS, it has become precedent for Presidents to bypass we, the people; and

WHEREAS, neither Congress nor the Idaho Legislature or the citizens in these areas of impact, such as Custer County, will have any say in the matter, in violation of State Sovereignty granted by the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, federal ownership/land management consumes 63% of the State and 93.1% of Custer County; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is a natural resource- based state, as is Custer County whose natural resource economy is jeopardized by federal land mismanagement and federal environmental laws to the detriment of rural economies, rural schools , and employment opportunities for local young people in pursuit of life, liberty, happiness, and acquisition of private property to secure their futures; and

WHEREAS, the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature proposes, as has the State of Utah, to regain control of federal “public lands” within the State; and

WHEREAS, to that end it would be counter-productive to relinquish any Idaho land to federal control; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson’s words in the Declaration of Independence resonate today: “.....he has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers, to harass our people and eat out their substance,” and affirms our duty to keep government responsive and responsible:

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party oppose any further effort to federalize Idaho land:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Legislature exercise its Tenth Amendment Right to accept or reject a National Monument in Idaho:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Congressional Delegation be requested and encouraged to pursue and support in Congress the repeal of the Antiquities Act.

Resolution 2013-P44

Idaho Legislature to propose and adopt state lands disposition from the United States

Submitted by Bonner County Republican Central Committee

WHEREAS, approximately Sixty-three percent of Lands within the geographic boundaries of the State of Idaho are currently controlled by the United States federal government, their agencies and departments and,

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Idaho Constitution clearly states: “All Property and institutions of the territory, shall, upon adoption of the constitution, become the property and institutions of the state of Idaho.” And,

WHEREAS, Article XXI, Section 19 of the Idaho Constitution further states: “...the people of the state of Idaho do agree and declare that we forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated public lands lying within the boundaries thereof,...until the title thereto shall have been extinguished by the United States,...” and,

WHEREAS, said lands were properly disposed of with extinguished title upon ratification of the Idaho State Constitution establishing Idaho as a State by Sovereign Power and upon removal of the Territorial government and,

WHEREAS, Idaho's status as a free and independent State and as "fully equal" to all other states of the Union has been jeopardized by the federal management of “so called” federal lands which has jeopardized our economy and the funding of our schools, and,

WHEREAS, One-hundred and Twenty-two years since statehood admission seems sufficient time for the settlement of title to the state of all needful un-apportioned and untaxed lands,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee adopts this Resolution to urge the Idaho State Senate and the House of Representatives to introduce, amend as appropriate and pass, and for the Governor to sign, an Act specifying the following;

A bill similar to Utah House Bill HB-148, amended for the unique requirements of Idaho State Lands, passed in the Utah State Legislature and signed by the Utah Governor, March 23, 2012.

Further be it resolved that, the purpose of any such bill before the Idaho legislature being to finally settle, convey and to extinguish all federal control to state land title and legitimate claims that would naturally fall within state jurisdiction for perpetuity if Article X, Section 4 and Article XXI, Section 19 of the Idaho State Constitution had been properly executed following Idaho's admission as a State.

Resolution 2013-P45

Repeal of the Idaho Health Care Exchange Act

Submitted by Michael Barrett, Custer County Chairman

WHEREAS, the United States Declaration of Independence asserts as a matter of Natural Law that "*we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable 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,

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act violates the Origination Clause in the United States Constitution, AND,

WHEREAS, the Individual Mandate has been ruled an indirect tax by the United States Supreme Court, it violates the Uniformity Clause in the United States Constitution, AND,

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act violates Freedom of Association as guaranteed by the 1st Amendment, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party believes that the United States Constitution is not an "*a la carte*" menu, and that it must be defended by the people since it is not able to defend itself, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party requests that the Idaho State Legislature repeal the Idaho Health Care Exchange Act during the next regular session, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party requests that the Governor of the Sovereign State of Idaho contact the Secretary of Health and Human Services to inform the Secretary that the Sovereign State of Idaho will not be participating in the Affordable Care Act, in any form as it does not provide real reform, reduce costs, or empower individuals, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party requests that the Governor of the Sovereign State of Idaho inform the Secretary of Health and Human Services that as a sovereign state we expect the Secretary to hold harmless the citizens of Idaho from the mandate to purchase health insurance contained in the Affordable Care Act, including, but not limited to the imposition of any penalty, tax, fee, or fine on those who choose not to purchase health insurance, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee requests that the Governor of the Sovereign State of Idaho immediately convene a committee to review the cost of health care, and rising health insurance premiums with recommendations to be made no later than November 12, 2013.

Resolution 2013-P46

Repeal the State Insurance Exchange and re-establish the Idaho Health Freedom Act

Submitted by Terry Andersen

WHEREAS the 2013 Legislature of Idaho passed a bill that establishes a State Insurance Exchange, and:

WHEREAS the State Insurance Exchange violates the principles of the Idaho Health Freedom Act, and:

WHEREAS the 2013 Legislature has established the Insurance Exchange in opposition to the will of the people of the State of Idaho, and the Insurance Exchange is in opposition to the Resolution passed by the Idaho State Republican Central Committee, and:

WHEREAS the Federal Government does not have the money to fund the exchange, leaving the State to finance the exchange, and:

WHEREAS the State Insurance Exchange will pass expenses of maintaining the Exchange to the Insurance Carriers, who will then pass the expenses incurred to the insured in the form of higher premiums, and:

WHEREAS the committee to form the State Insurance Exchange has already obtained Federal involvement to get the Exchange up and running by the deadline of October 1, 2013, and:

WHEREAS to get the exchange operational, Idahoans will shop for insurance through the State Exchange, but federal computers will examine enrollment data, including personal financial, health and other information to determine people's eligibility for federal insurance subsidies, and:

WHEREAS the State Insurance Exchange will ultimately be under the control of the Federal mandates and regulations, and:

WHEREAS the State will be required to follow the burdensome 13,000 plus pages of regulations pertaining to the "Affordable Health Care Act," and:

WHEREAS the Federal "Affordable Health Care Act" will be enforced by the Internal Revenue Service, and:

WHEREAS the IRS is under investigation for unlawful acts, and:

WHEREAS the IRS will be determining premiums and premium subsidies, and:

WHEREAS the Affordable Health Care Act imposes Federal control of all insurance exchanges, whether State or Federal, and:

WHEREAS the Federal Affordable Health Care Act violates the ninth and tenth amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and:

WHEREAS the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that The Federal Government does NOT have the power to order people to buy health insurance, and:

WHEREAS the Federal Affordable Health Care Act usurps Federal Powers on the Sovereign State of Idaho, and:

WHEREAS a majority of other States have refused to establish an Insurance Exchange, and:

WHEREAS the Federal Affordable Health Care Act (ACA) requires large amounts of personal data to apply for the ACA, and:

WHEREAS the data required is invasive, and subjects the persons to Federal control of their lives, and:

WHEREAS the ACA is an unfair tax that will affect all businesses with less than 50 employees, while allowing a loophole for larger corporations, and:

WHEREAS the tax burden imposed by the ACA will pass on to future generations an enormous national debt to other countries, and:

WHEREAS the United States already has a National Debt which cannot be sustained, and:

WHEREAS the ACA will increase the National Debt, and:

WHEREAS the ACA is NOT affordable, and will decrease the Health Care available to the people of the United States, and: THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That:

The State Republican Central Committee shall direct the State Legislature as follows:

1. Legislature of the State of Idaho shall rescind and repeal the State Insurance Exchange.
2. The Legislature of the State of Idaho shall reinstate the Idaho Health Freedom Act.
3. The Legislature of the State of Idaho make the State's position clear to the Federal government that we are a sovereign state, and will not impose mandatory Health Care on the people of this State, and that the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" and the "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010" (Public Laws 111-148 and 111-152) are not authorized by the Constitution of the United States and violate its true meaning, and shall be declared invalid in this State, shall not be recognized by this State, and shall be considered null and void, and of no effect in this State.
4. It shall be the duty of the Legislature of this State to adopt and enact any and all measures as may be necessary to prevent the enforcement of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" and the "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010" within the limits of this State.

Resolution 2013-P47

Commending Idaho lawmakers who voted against a state insurance exchange, urging continued opposition to Obamacare and asking the state insurance exchange to stop using federal instrument to put the exchange in place.

Submitted by Viki Purdy, Idaho County, and John Duvall

WHEREAS, on January 5, the Idaho Republican Party voted to oppose the creation of a state health insurance exchange; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, the Idaho House of Representatives voted 41-29 in favor of the insurance exchange; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, the Idaho Senate voted 23-12 in favor of an insurance exchange, clearing the way for the governor to sign the bill into law; and

WHEREAS, since those votes, it has become more clear that the state Republican Party was correct to oppose the creation of a state exchange; and

WHEREAS, Democrat Sen. Max Baucus last month publicly called Obamacare “a train wreck;” and

WHEREAS, Obamacare insurance exchanges are plagued by delays and cost overruns, and states that previously said they would hit key deadlines likely will not; and

WHEREAS, By the end of the year, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will have spent \$4.4 billion on state exchange grants, more than double what the agency said would be required; and

WHEREAS, HHS according to a May 27 article in Forbes Magazine, is “not just raiding the federal treasury to promote the exchanges. Secretary Kathleen Sebelius is now shaking down corporations and nonprofits to bankroll the Administration’s efforts” by soliciting donations on behalf of a group headed by former Obama staffers; and

WHEREAS, GOP Sen. Lamar Alexander has asked the Government Accountability office to investigate the administration’s fundraising activities, on the grounds such efforts may be illegal; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho insurance exchange recently announced it would need to use the federal government’s computer system in order to get up and running, thereby contradicting the arguments for “state control” made just months ago; and

WHEREAS, the insurance exchange board has opted to hire a director, without the necessary due diligence such as a nationwide search, and that executive director will earn \$175,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, on June 20 a federal court judge in Oklahoma will hear arguments in a case that could result in states lacking a state insurance exchange from being protected from Obamacare’s tax penalties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IDAHO REPUBLICAN PARTY that the party finds the actions of the state Legislature and the Governor, in creating a state insurance exchange, to be contrary to the principles of freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the party calls on the governor, the Legislature and the attorney general to join the Oklahoma lawsuit and take any other legal steps necessary to protect Idahoans against Obamacare; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because the state insisted that it was important to not use federal instruments as part of a state exchange, the state should cease using federal computer technology to enroll Idahoans in an exchange; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican lawmakers who voted against the insurance exchange are hereby commended for their efforts and encouraged to continue the fight against Obamacare; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the Republican Party be and is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the governor, attorney general and members of the Legislature.
