

Idaho Republican Party State Convention

Proposed Resolutions

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2014 Resolutions Committee

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Resolution 2014-P1

Resolution: Role of Parents in Education

Submitted by Sen. Steve Thayn, Gem County

Whereas; education of our Idaho youth is an important function necessary to perpetuate a republican form of government:

Whereas; in a republican form of government the government derives its powers from the consent of the governed:

Whereas; parents and parental involvement play a critical role in the education of our youth:

Whereas; parents are responsible to train their children in ethical and moral values:

Whereas; the public school system works best when parents and teachers work together:

Whereas; many parents have had and continue to have concerns about what is taught in public schools; yet, no mechanism exists in state law that allows the average parent to have input into or choose their child's curriculum;

Now, therefore let it be resolved; that the position of the Republican Party be that the State of Idaho should create a process whereby parents can work with local school boards and administrators so that parents can give input on curriculum decisions and/or choose curriculum that each parent thinks is appropriate for their own child.

Resolution 2014-P2

Resolution Supporting the Repeal of Grocery Tax

Submitted by Rep. Judy Boyle, Washington County and Ric Branch, LD 9

WHEREAS Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter has suggested a 1% increase in the State sales tax;

WHEREAS the Governor has also suggested a 5¢ increase in the gas tax;

WHEREAS the Governor has also suggested to almost double the vehicle registration fee;

WHEREAS the Governor supports expansion of Medicaid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Republican Central Committee does not support any sales tax, gas tax and vehicle registration fee increase. The Washington County Republican Central Committee also does not support expansion of Medicaid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Republican Central Committee does support repeal of the grocery tax and HB585 to revise how legislative vacancies are filled.\

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED this 13th day of May, 2014.

Resolution 2014-P3

Resolution Opposing Common Core State Standards initiative

Submitted by Mark Walton, Clearwater County

WHEREAS, The Common Core State Standards Initiative, also known as “Idaho’s Core Standards,” is a set of top down, nationally-based standards, assessments and data collection, teacher accountability measures, and school performance ratings with accompanying teacher redistribution measures; developed through a collaboration between two NGO’s (Private membership non-governmental organizations), being the National Governor’s Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), as well as other unelected boards and consortia from outside the state of Idaho, as a method for conforming American students to uniform achievement goals to make them more competitive in a global marketplace; and WHEREAS, the NGA and the CCSSO, received tens of millions of dollars from private third parties to promote web-based data tools, promote transparency and accessibility of education data, 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 curriculum, the Obama Administration accepted the CCSS plan and used 2009 Stimulus Bill money to entice and reward the states that were most committed to the president’s CCSS agenda; further, they failed to give states, their legislatures and their citizens time to evaluate the CCSS before having to commit to them; and

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

WHEREAS, Thirteen State’s standards exceeded the quality of CCSS and many have been made available to Idaho; 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 of massive amounts of personal student and teacher data, under the guise of scientific research, is federally managed and shared; 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 thereby undermine the Idaho Republican State Platform regarding “Local Control”; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Idaho Republican Party as stated in the 2012 National Republican Party Platform 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;” therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Idaho Republican Party 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;” therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Idaho Republican Party rejects the collection of personal student data for any purpose without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student’s parent(s) 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(s), with any person or entity other than the school or education agencies within the state of Idaho; therefore be it

RESOLVED, In consideration of 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 Idaho Republican Party rejects this CCSS plan which creates and fits the country with a nationwide straitjacket on academic freedom and achievement; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party calls on the Idaho State Board of Education to design an appropriate exit plan and develop a transition plan to higher quality, less invasive standards and testing; and further call on the Governor and the Idaho State Department of Education to initiate said exit plan to withdraw from the Idaho Core Standards and implement approved superior quality transition plan; therefore be it

RESOLVED, we ask the Idaho State Legislature to discontinue funding programs in association with the Common Core State Standards Initiative - the Idaho Core Standards, and any other alliance that promotes and tests for similar or same curricula, standards, and assessments, and to make provisions to restore Idaho’s education back to state and local control.

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 2014-P4

Resolution Supporting the Elimination of Political Signs

Submitted by Gail Blattler, Boise County

WHEREAS, it costs candidates thousands of dollars for the purchase of signs; and

WHEREAS, it takes a burden of countless miles, time, and effort to put up signs and then to repeat the process all over again to take them all down; and

WHEREAS, many people complain they “hate” political signs, and signs tend to disappear or are removed by various jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, time and money spent on signs could be better spent instead to educate the uninformed voters to be more knowledgeable about the issues and who the candidates are and what they stand for.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee urge the legislature to work on eventually phasing out the use of signs across the State of Idaho as a whole.

Resolution 2014-P5

Resolution Calling for Presidential Caucus to be held by Electronic Ballot

Submitted by Harmony Rice

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

In the interest of achieving enlarged voter participation, the Idaho Republican Party favor the enactment of a Idaho Republican Party Rule, on an experimental basis, to conduct the March, 2016 Presidential Caucus Election by electronic mail ballot;

And that a Committee should be appointed to propose the above idea.

Resolution 2014-P6

Resolution Involving Election Qualification

Submitted by Greg Collett, Canyon County

WHEREAS District 11 State Senator Patti Anne Lodge’s residence was removed from her property prior to October 25, 2011; and,

WHEREAS the homeowner's exemption for 18500 Symms Road, Caldwell, the declared residence of Patti Anne Lodge, was revoked for “no home on this site” on March 1, 2012; and,

WHEREAS on August 27, 2013, Patti Anne Lodge told a reporter with the Idaho Press-Tribune that she would move a mobile home to the site and live in it, yet she never did so; and,

WHEREAS Patti Anne Lodge has been willfully living at her home at 703 E. Logan Street, Caldwell, which is outside Legislative District 11, for over the last two years and has failed to update her voter registration; and,

WHEREAS Patti Anne Lodge is owner of a house at 21251 Homedale Rd, Caldwell, through her Windridge, LLC, and chose not to live in District 11; and,

WHEREAS State Senator Patti Anne Lodge has violated Article III, Section 6 of the Idaho Constitution: “No person shall be a senator or representative who, at the time of his election, is not a citizen of the United States, and an elector of this state, nor anyone who has not been for one year next preceding his election an elector of the county or district whence he may be chosen”; and,

WHEREAS residency voting exemptions under Article VI, Section 5 of the Idaho Constitution do not apply; and,

WHEREAS The property located at 18500 Symms Road, Caldwell does not have a home or place of abode and therefore does not meet the definition of “Residence” as defined in Idaho Code 34-107; and,

WHEREAS Patti Anne Lodge has violated Idaho Code 18-2322 by causing her name to be registered in a district other than the one in which she resides; and,

WHEREAS on May 13, 2014, the entry of Patti Anne Lodge's name as it appeared in the election register was formally challenged pursuant to Idaho Code 34-431; and,

WHEREAS on May 30, 2014, an affidavit was filed in district court to officially contest the 2014 primary election nomination of Patti Anne Lodge for the office of District 11 State Senator, citing Idaho Code 34-2101(2) and (4) as grounds for contest; and,

WHEREAS Chris Yamamoto, Canyon County Clerk, has refused to cancel the registration of Patti Anne Lodge despite a formal request for administrative action; and,

WHEREAS Ben Ysursa, Idaho Secretary of State, refused to revoke his certification of the candidacy of Patti Anne Lodge despite a formal request for administrative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Republican Party of Idaho direct the Attorney General to prosecute State Senator Patti Anne Lodge for usurpation of office, pursuant to Idaho Code 6-602;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Republican Party of Idaho direct the Prosecuting Attorney to prosecute Patti Anne Lodge for illegal registration by voter, pursuant to Idaho Code 18-2322;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Republican Party of Idaho direct the Prosecuting Attorney to prosecute Chris Yamamoto, Canyon County Clerk, for fraudulent permission of registration, pursuant to Idaho Code 18-2321;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Republican Party of Idaho direct the Prosecuting Attorney to prosecute Ben Ysursa, Idaho Secretary of State, for official neglect or malfeasance, pursuant to Idaho Code 18-2301;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Republican Party of Idaho request that the Idaho State Senate expel Patti Anne Lodge as a member, pursuant to Article III, Section 11 of the Idaho Constitution.

Resolution 2014-P7

Resolution Calling for Tax and Social Security Reform Regarding FICA

Submitted by Don Lloyd, Nez Perce County

(Underlined quotes in this resolution are from the Congressional Research Service Social Security Reform: Current Issues and Legislation, by Dawn Nuschler, dated Jan 15, 2014)

Whereas, During the 109th -113th Congresses, more than 30 Social Security reform bills were introduced but **none** have been approved,

And whereas, “the Social Security Board of Trustees project that the trust funds will be exhausted by 2033”,

And whereas, stock and bond investments need to be available to ALL Americans similar to “initial investment options such as those offered by the Thrift Savings Plan for federal employees”,

And whereas, most of these bills allow individuals to invest part or all their FICA tax in either Social Security or a private retirement account,

And whereas, Social Security is so important to America that **everyone should participate - no exceptions**,

And whereas, the IRS tax code needs to be simplified,

And whereas, the National Debt needs to be reduced to zero,

And whereas, Young people need to have assurances that they **will not** have to **forever fund the retirement and health care of the elderly** and they can start to invest their half of the FICA tax in free enterprise stocks and bonds,

Therefore be it resolved

1. That the 1st \$150,000 of an individual's income each year (\$300,000 for married couples) be subjected to Social Security FICA tax - **no other federal income tax is required**,
2. That individuals invest their half of the FICA tax into a **private Tax Deferred Retirement Account**,
3. That **private Tax Deferred Retirement Account** retirees would receive **interest only retirement payments** from these investments, (the accumulated FICA taxes, capital gains, and dividends are never spent)

4. That ‘stay at home moms’ have a **private Tax Deferred Retirement Account** funded by the husband’s employer using his part of the employers contribution to Social Security,
5. That Social Security will guarantee **private Tax Deferred Retirement Account** payments will pay no less than what Social Security would have paid or **Social Security will pay the difference,**
6. That after the death of both husband and wife the balance in both accounts are paid to the State,
7. That the State then pays the U.S. Treasury for those items enumerated in the U.S. Constitution, (Estimated revenue to the U.S. Treasury after 2076 would be greater than \$5 trillion per year)

Be it Further Resolved that this resolution is asking the Congressional Research Service to determine:

1. The economic effects of FICA taxes being invested in private retirement accounts where **the accumulated FICA taxes plus capital gains and dividends are collected only after the death of both husband and wife,**
2. What the **tax rate** would be **on incomes above \$150,000/\$300,000** if all tax exemptions to special interest groups and individuals are eliminated,
3. What the tax rate would be for Corporations and Business to maintain a revenue neutral tax base,
4. When the **Tax Deferred Retirement Account** revenue would start reducing the National Debt zero,

Be it Further Resolved that Republicans in Idaho want the Idaho delegation to Congress to fix the problems with Social Security and the tax code so that everyone is taxed the same without resorting to quick or temporary fixes that just delay the problem to the next generation.

Resolution 2014-P8

Resolution- Conflict of Interest

Submitted by Ryan Davidson, Ada County- Alternate

WHEREAS, The Idaho Republican Party has no rules or guidelines governing conflicts of interest for elected precinct committeemen or delegates; and,

WHEREAS, lobbyists, state officials, and other individuals serving as precinct committeemen and delegates may necessarily have conflicts of interest as a result of their occupations; and,

WHEREAS, evidence exists that lobbyists and special interests funded the campaigns of a large number of precinct committeeman candidates, and that precinct committeeman candidates may have been recruited by state employees while on state time; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Idaho should endeavor to protect itself from undue influence from both

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Idaho will cease to have any meaningful function if it becomes nothing more than a mouthpiece for lobbyists, special interests, and state government officials,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2014 Idaho Republican State Convention directs the Idaho Republican Party State Central Committee to examine rules and policies regarding conflicts of interest within the party; to investigate the role that lobbyists and state officials have played in the 2014 precinct committeeman elections and delegate selection process, and to report such findings to the party members across the state.

Resolution 2014-P9

Idaho Election Law Resolution

Submitted by Evalyn Bennett, Lemhi County

The Idaho Republican Party asks the state legislature to reduce the potential for voter and election fraud by proposing and passing legislation that addresses the following:

- Eliminate any mechanized voting mechanism that does not allow immediate and long-term verification of ballot results. Utilize printed and hand-completed ballots that can be manually counted at the local precinct polling place, with the results posted for voter information for one week following the election. Utilize automated counting machines only when such machine results can also be verified by hand counting of ballots.
- Any citizen should be able to observe precinct elections and tabulation of votes.
- Enforce English literacy as a condition for voting (i.e., no ballots printed in other languages or interpretive services provided).
- Require proof of U.S. citizenship, photo identification, and proof of current residence location when registering to vote.
- Require a valid picture I.D. that also verifies citizenship before voting at a precinct polling place or in-person "absentee" voting.
- Revise driver's license and other Idaho-issued photo identification to indicate U.S. citizenship or other lawful residence status. Require proof of citizenship or other lawful residence status in order to obtain a driver's license, including transfer of privileges from other states. This stipulation is essential to prevent non-citizens from using their photo ID to vote.
- Persons who vote more than once, who knowingly register at more than one address, who use more than one name, or who commit perjury by fraudulently misrepresenting themselves to be citizens or eligible voters when they are not eligible, must be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
- Eliminate mail balloting and establish a list of acceptable reasons for absentee balloting (e.g., home-bound citizens; military personnel stationed outside their precinct). These forms of balloting do not require photo ID and are wide open to voter fraud.

To facilitate the campaign process and improve voter information, implement the following:

- To help voters make an informed decision, when a registered voter receives a ballot, the state should also provide a pamphlet of information about the parties, candidates, and any ballot measures, free of charge to candidates, parties, and voters. This voter guide should also be available in printed format and on-line prior to the date when absentee ballots are available.
- To improve campaign outreach to voters and reduce impacts on county courthouse staff, implement uniform dates for in-person "absentee" voting at courthouses. Restrict such voting to a short timeframe such as two weeks and for a brief list of acceptable reasons (e.g., traveling out of the precinct on election day).

In order to improve school trustee candidate recruitment and retention and voter participation in school board elections, implement the following:

- Hold school trustees elections during the spring primary election in even years.
- Reduce the term of office to two years.
- Provide for write-in candidacy.
- Change procedures for filling trustee vacancies. Such vacancies shall be filled by election at the next scheduled school election rather than appointment by the remaining school board trustees.

We oppose any proposal to remove reapportionment of legislative and congressional districts from the Legislature, whose members are elected, and thus directly answerable to the people of Idaho.

The Idaho Republican Party is in favor of eliminating all filing fees for all State elective offices on both the district and state-wide level, including the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Idaho Republican Party favors retention of the Electoral College, but supports a system wherein two of the State's Electoral votes are cast in accord with the outcome of the statewide vote, and the remaining Electoral votes (one for each congressional district) are cast according to the majority vote in each respective congressional district. (This system is currently used in Maine and Nebraska.) We are unalterably opposed to any scheme which would allocate Idaho's Electoral vote on the basis of returns from any other State or States.

In order to prevent voting by improperly registered citizens (or non-citizens), the state legislature should amend the balloting procedure for same-day voter registrations as follows: The same-day registrant shall vote by "in person" absentee ballot, and his or her registration shall be stapled to the outside of the sealed ballot. The registrant's absentee ballot shall only be counted with other absentee ballots after his or her registration is inspected, deemed valid, and entered into the voter registration database. Once the registration is validated, the registration form shall be separated from the ballot, with the ballot placed with other absentee ballots for later tabulation. Ballots with invalid registrations shall not be opened or counted

Resolution 2014-P10

Resolution Calling For A Constitutional Amendment Declaring, "Every Child Has A Right To A Female Mother And A Male Father"

Submitted by Rep. Sheryl Nuxoll, Idaho County

WHEREAS, the State has the duty to protect our rights; and,

WHEREAS, the State has a vested interest in knowing who is married for fostering good marriages and strong families for the sake of future society (our children). Marriage is the smallest basic public institution in the State; and,

WHEREAS, a child is not an object to own. A child is not property. To say that a person or couple has a right to children makes the child an object rather than a subject with rights; and,

WHEREAS, the desire to have a child in no way establishes the right to have a child. The personal gratification desired by two individuals is not enough to entitle them to a child or to deny the child's right to a father and mother; and,

WHEREAS, every child has the right to be conceived through the loving embrace of a husband and a wife, a father and mother, and to loved and protected in that embrace as they grow and develop; and,

WHEREAS, to love a child is one thing; to love a child with the love that provides the natural necessary structure is another. Any person can have the same capacity to love a child and convey this love, but the parent-child bond is a psychological factor of fundamental importance for the child's sense of identity; and,

WHEREAS, the role of parents goes beyond the love that they feel for their child (children). Affection and education will not suffice to produce the basic psychological structure that addresses the child's needs to know where he came from and to establish his own identity by differentiation of the sexes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, Every child has a right to a female mother and a male father. Every child has a right to a family in the natural order;

It is therefore resolved that the Idaho County Republican Central Committee recommends that our Idaho legislators support "every child's right to a female mother and a male father," by enacting a Bill to facilitate the process of an Idaho Constitutional Amendment to be placed next to "Marriage is between one man and one woman".

Resolution 2014-P11

Resolution Calling For Independent Review of Local Technical Assistance Council (LTAC) Under the Idaho Transportation Department

Submitted by Rep. Sheryl Nuxoll, Idaho County

WHEREAS, LTAC was formed to be of assistance counsel and transfer of flow of federal highway funds between ITD and the contractors for counties, cities, and highway districts; and,

WHEREAS, ever since the flow of stimulus moneys, LTAC has overstepped its purpose of counsel and transfer of federal funds and is instead acting as the authority for engineers and contractors; and,

WHEREAS, LTAC is not contracting in good faith and fair dealings, causing ITD to be in breach of contract; and,

WHEREAS, payments to contractors are late, sometimes months and years; and,

WHEREAS, contractors have had to lay off many employees due to late payments and breach of contract by LTAC; and,

WHEREAS, LTAC is costing the state of Idaho moneys by way of breach of contracts, and, LTAC seems to have no sense of responsibility to the taxpayers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Idaho County Republican Central Committee recommends that our Idaho Legislators call for an independent review of LTAC to either eliminate LTAC as an unnecessary Council or at least to make LTAC accountable to an oversight authority and to the citizens of the state of Idaho.

Resolution 2014-P12

Resolution Calling For an Idaho Constitutional Amendment Enumerating The Parental Rights And Protections In Directing The Upbringing And Education Of Their Children
Submitted by Mary Adler, LD 7

WHEREAS, the controller's office and school districts have transparency software and webpages for public access; and

WHEREAS, both Brandon Woolf and Todd Hatfield believe in transparency based upon their past campaigning and actions; and

WHEREAS, higher education is approximately 12-15% of the state's budget; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's institutions of higher education are reluctant to give specifics when queried about expenditures;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED RESOLVED THAT similar websites be developed and publicly posted for our public institutions of higher education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Idaho's institutions of higher education go through independent management audits of their research and the results be shared with the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT businesses involved in active research with our institutions of higher education be privately polled about their satisfaction with college/university services and have these results share with the public.

Resolution 2014-P13

Resolution Calling For An Idaho Constitutional Amendment to Include Biblical Literary and Historical Text to be Incorporated into Idaho Primary and Secondary Education
Submitted by Mary Adler, LD 7

WHEREAS the Idaho Constitution Preamble states: We, the people of the State of Idaho, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom to secure its blessings and promote our common welfare do establish this Constitution; and

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Platform states: We believe the strength of our nation lies with our faith and reliance on God our Creator, the individual and the family...; We believe the US Constitution is the greatest and most inspired document to govern a nation...; We believe Idahoans must protect the principles and values that have made us strong; and

WHEREAS, in 1782, the US Congress voted this resolution: "The Congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools"; and authorized a loan of money to help the printing and distribution of 10,000 copies to be made available to the public primarily for public schools; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Bible for literary and historic value is consistent with the 1st amendment of the US Constitution, and the US Supreme Court in the 1963 case of Abington School District v. Schempp declared that the Bible is worth studying for its literary qualities and its influence on history; and

WHEREAS, the broader based exposure to biblical literature and history enhances cultural literary of the individual, and in 1980, the Supreme Court ruling of Stone V. Braham stated that “the Bible can constitutionally be used in an appropriate study of history, civilization, ethics, comparative religion, or the like”, and

WHEREAS, George Washington and all succeeding Presidents placed their hand on the Bible when taking the oath of office; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Constitution, Article 9 Section 6, states, “No religious test or qualifications shall ever be required...; no teacher or student...will be required to attend or participate in any religious service...; “No sectarian or religious tenets or doctrines shall ever be taught in the public schools...; No books, papers, tracts or documents of a political, sectarian or denominational character shall be used or introduced in any school...; and

WHEREAS, Blacks Law Dictionary, 2nd Edition Online defines sectarian as “pertains to a sect or religion” (denomination) and tenets or doctrines as, “the doctrine of relation...” (Denomination), clarifying the prohibition of instructing any specific religious denomination, but does not exclude the use of the Bible for the purpose of literary and historical value; therefore be it

RESOLVED, establishing that Idaho Schools incorporate the Bible for its literary content and historical value since it is compatible with the US Constitution and the Idaho Constitution and Idaho Code; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Idaho County Republican Central Committee recommends our Idaho Legislators support a Bill to facilitate the process of an Idaho Constitutional Amendment defining the use of the Bible, for literary and historical purpose, to be implemented within our primary and secondary public education non-elective literature and history academics.

Resolution 2014-P14

Resolution Opposing Medicaid Expansion

Submitted by Becky Crea, Idaho County

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will force Idahoans out of private insurance; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government promises to pay 100% of expanded Medicaid for the first two years and then 90% after that and that these promises are similar to what was made when Medicaid was first made available and have not been kept, as Idaho now pays 30% of Medicaid services; and,

WHEREAS, there is too much uncertainty in Obamacare. With the healthcare law, Obama promised that health insurance premiums would go down, yet people are seeing their insurance premiums go up; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is \$17 trillion in debt and has a long list of failures, such as Social Security, Medicare, Post Office; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Heritage Foundation, expansion in Idaho would cost taxpayers \$149 million through 2022 after a gain in the first 3 years; and,

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion is not charity but socialism or government forced charity; and,

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion will take moneys from education for our children; and,

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion, which deprives Church-going citizens of private means of charity by over taxation, is not charity or compassion; and,

WHEREAS, Medicaid expansion is government care which treats everyone the same rather than on an individual basis; and,

WHEREAS, Medicaid overhaul must focus on long-term care, since 65% of the program's spending is on elderly and disabled; and,

WHEREAS, humans have the right to basic care, love, attention, including medical care, but not the right to every desirable service available by demanding of others without remuneration; and,

WHEREAS, we do not have the right to assume that government is the primary means of fulfilling our right to medical care; therefore be it

RESOLVED, Idaho continue pursuing free-market, competitive, patient-first reform policies for high quality healthcare at the least cost to taxpayers by 1. Expanding Health Savings Accounts with tax free withdrawals for all health insurance premiums; 2. Looking at plans that reject Medicaid expansion such as, the Louisiana plan, "America Next" , the Wisconsin plan, the long-term care plan of Texas, and the defined contribution plan of Florida ; 3. and, encouraging free clinics similar to the one in Caldwell started by a Bible study group or the Ronald McDonald House Charities where needs are met locally with personal attention to our uniqueness with our own resources.