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## Resolution 2024-20

### Title: Idaho Republican Party to Move to a Simple Majority for Primary Elections For All State Candidate Positions

**Submitted by:** Dolores Ivie, State Committeewoman

**Passed by:** Custer County Republican Central Committee May 24, 2024

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

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Republican Party is committed to ensuring fair, democratic, and representative elections for all its members;

**WHEREAS**, the current plurality voting system in primary elections allows a candidate to win with less than a majority of the votes, potentially leading to a nominee who does not represent the preference of the majority of Republican voters;

**WHEREAS**, a simple majority system would require a candidate to receive more than 50% of the vote to win the primary election, thereby ensuring that the nominee has broad support among party members;

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of a simple majority system will enhance the democratic process, strengthen the legitimacy of our candidates, and promote unity within the party;

**WHEREAS**, advancements in technology now allow for the efficient and cost-effective printing of ballots, thereby reducing the expenses associated with conducting runoff elections;

**WHEREAS**, numerous other states and jurisdictions have successfully implemented simple majority voting systems, demonstrating the feasibility and benefits of such a change;

**WHEREAS**, that Idaho's new ballot printing technologies ensure that runoff elections will be conducted in a cost-effective manner, reducing financial burdens previously associated with such elections;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party will support a simple majority voting system for all future primary elections;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in the event no candidate receives more than 50% of the vote in the initial primary election, a runoff election will be held between the top two candidates to determine the nominee;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party will work with the Idaho State Legislature and other relevant authorities to implement this change in a timely and efficient manner;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party will educate its members about the new voting system and ensure a smooth transition for all future primary elections.

**Resolution 2024-21**  
**Title: Stopping Grizzly Bear Reintroduction**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we denounce the Federal Governments decision to keep Grizzlies on the Endangered Species List.

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

**Resolution 2024-22**  
**Title: Medicare Expansion**

**Submitted by:** Craig Yadon - Chair, Brian Parsons - Vice Chair, Elizabeth Parsons

**Passed by:** Bannock County Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:**

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS** Idaho is best served by a competitive healthcare market

**BE IT KNOWN** that the Idaho Republican Party supports effective legislation to empower private and community healthcare clinics and discourages the anti-competitive consolidation of healthcare markets abetted by government favor

## Resolution 2024-1003B

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

**Submitted by:** Melanie Vander Feer

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

**To be presented by:** Melanie Vander Feer

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

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

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

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

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

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the KCRCC requests that the Idaho Legislature change Idaho statutes to make it a life sentence without parole for anyone who is convicted of sex trafficking a minor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be sent to all Idaho House and Senate Members and to all 44 Idaho County Republican Central Committees by the KCRCC secretary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution be sent to the Idaho GOP secretary to be considered at the 2025 Idaho GOP Republican winter meeting.

## **Resolution 2025-1**

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

**Submitted by:** Lynn Bradescu

**Passed by:** Legislative District 19 Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Lynn Bradescu

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Idaho Republican Party directs the State Chairman to request the Idaho GOP Legislative Liaisons to work with their fellow legislators to ensure passage of the legislation.

**Resolution 2025-2**  
**Title: Make Idaho a Republic Resolution**

**Submitted by:** Tammy Payne, Owyhee County Chair

**Passed by:** Owyhee County Republican Central Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** upon passage of this resolution by the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee (OCRCC), this resolution shall be presented at the Idaho Republican Party winter meeting, by its author, the Chairman of the OCRCC or assigned.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee respectfully requests that the Idaho Republican Party take the official position, and promote, that each Idaho county should have a senator, regardless of population.

**Resolution 2025-3**  
**Title: Protecting Idaho from a Dictatorship Resolution**

**Submitted by:** Tammy Payne, Owyhee County Chair

**Passed by:** Owyhee County Republican Central Committee

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

**WHEREAS;** in accordance with the US Constitution, Article 1 Section 1 “All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.” The Legislative branch shall make laws, and the Executive branch shall execute such laws, even in times of emergency, as stated in Article 4 Section 4, “The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) …”

**WHEREAS;** during the COVID 19 scare, the Governor of the State of Idaho declared an emergency and upon the hype of mainstream media, with the advice and consent of government agencies with very much conflicted interests from the pharmaceutical industry, corporate healthcare, The WHO, The UN etc. took it upon himself to make law. These emergency laws, shuttered “non-essential” business, closed schools, churches, masked children etc.

**WHEREAS;** the downstream effects of these emergency laws destroyed business Deprived children of education, deprived them of critical learning of developmental non-verbal communication cues, and forced them to rebreathe CO2 and other respiratory waste upon exhalation, due to masking. The laws separated families, deprived people of meeting in churches and parks, and has left cultural, emotional, and mental scars on untold numbers of people with ripples we may never heal from.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** upon passage of this resolution by the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee (OCRCC), this resolution shall be presented at the Idaho Republican Party winter meeting, by its author, the Chairman of the OCRCC or assigned.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee respectfully requests that the Idaho Republican Party take the official position, and works to promote legislation, that upon a declaration of emergency by the governor of the State of Idaho, such declaration shall trigger an immediate call for convening of the legislature, where when a quorum of either the House or Senate is met deliberation shall commence in eight hours (giving extra time for travel to those more remote), or upon full attendance of the House or Senate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** in accordance with Article 4 Section 4 of the US Constitution, emergency powers should be in the hands of the legislature of the State of Idaho, unless they are unable to convene.

## Resolution 2025-4

### Title: Extending 4th Amendment Protection for Idaho Citizens to Include All Private Property Not Open to the Public Beyond the Curtilage (“Open Fields”) Resolution

**Submitted by:** Timmy Lowry, Pleasant Valley PC

**Passed by:** Owyhee County Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Tammy Payne, Owyhee County Chair

**WHEREAS:** Government agents of all types across the nation have been entering private property without a warrant under the guise of the US Supreme Court’s “Open Fields” doctrine which allows warrantless searches of property beyond the curtilage, and

**WHEREAS:** The founding fathers well understood that property is the foundation of every other right we have and that the protection of property is essential to the protection of “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness”, and

**WHEREAS:** The US Supreme Court in *Hester V. US* (1924) and in *Oliver V. US* (1984) held that 4th Amendment protection to citizens does not extend to the “open fields”, and

**WHEREAS:** The Supreme Courts in seven states, including the surrounding states of Oregon, Washington, and Montana, have ruled that their state constitutions provide protection for their citizens beyond the narrow reading of the 4th Amendment in *Hester* and *Oliver* regarding actions by law enforcement in the state, and

**WHEREAS:** South Dakota passed legislation protecting the citizens of South Dakota from unreasonable intrusion and surveillance by state law enforcement, and

**WHEREAS:** Idaho does not have similar protection for the citizens of Idaho, and

**WHEREAS:** The Idaho Republican Platform supports private property rights and specifically states in ARTICLE X1 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT “We encourage the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to manage fish and wildlife .....while respecting private property rights of landowners.”

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee supports revising state law or the Idaho Constitution to extend 4th Amendment property and privacy rights to include “open fields”.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee respectfully requests the Idaho Republican Party to adopt this resolution and to request the Idaho legislature to revise Idaho state law, or the Idaho Constitution, to uphold 4th Amendment property and privacy rights to include “open fields”.

## Resolution 2025-5

### Title: Resolution to Allow 527 Organizations to Conduct Raffles

**Submitted by:** Steve Bender

**Passed by:** Ada County Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Steve Bender

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Party asks the Legislature to enact this legislation.

TITLE 67

STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 77  
BINGO AND RAFFLES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Provides a means for bingo players to input numbers announced by a bingo caller;

(ii) Requires the player to manually enter the numbers as they are announced by a bingo caller;

(iii) Compares the numbers entered by the bingo player to the numbers contained on bingo cards previously stored in the electronic database of the device;

(iv) Identifies winning bingo patterns; and

(v) Signals only the bingo player when a winning bingo pattern is achieved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**History:**

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

## Resolution 2025-6

### Title: Resolution Regarding Merchandise Sales by Political Organizations

**Submitted by:** Steve Bender

**Passed by:** Ada County Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Steve Bender

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Party asks the Legislature to enact this legislation.

TITLE 67

STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 66

ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES – LOBBYISTS

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

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

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

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

## Resolution 2025-7

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

**Submitted by:** Aaron Cook - Caribou Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Resolution 2025-8

### Title: A Resolution to Support Restoring Limits on Special or Extraordinary Sessions of the Idaho Legislature

**Submitted by:** Aaron Cook - Caribou Chair

**Passed by:** Central Committee of Caribou County

**To be presented by:**

**WHEREAS;** Senate Joint Resolution 102 (SJR 102) was enacted in 2022 by the people of Idaho to enable the Idaho Legislature to convene without a call of the Governor;

**WHEREAS** proponents of SJR 102 aggressively denied that it would allow any expanded role or duration of the Legislature beyond its historic part-time status;

**WHEREAS** the official voter guide makes no mention of rescinding the historic 20-day limit on sessions beyond the regular legislative term, despite law requiring a full public disclosure of the effect of Constitutional amendments;

**WHEREAS** a lay and part-time citizen legislature has served Idaho well, including preventing the establishment of professional legislators residing in Boise, the presence of skilled professionals outside of politics among legislative decision-makers, and a more lasting and community-based connection of legislators to the welfare and economy of their home districts; and

**WHEREAS** the 20-day limit on extra sessions contained in Article III, Section 23, of the Idaho Constitution was not amended by SJR 102, but by virtue of new language in Article III, Section 8, will now only apply to sessions called by the Governor and not sessions invoked by the Legislature itself, a result denied during the legislative debate on SJR 102:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee calls for and supports a follow-on Constitutional Amendment that amends Article III, Section 23, to restore the 20-day limit on special or extraordinary sessions of the Idaho Legislature; and

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

## Resolution 2025-9

### Title: A Resolution to Ensure Active-Duty Military are Never Denied the Opportunity to Participate in Party Elections Open to All Republicans

**Submitted by:** Aaron Cook - Caribou Chair

**Passed by:** Central Committee of Caribou County

**To be presented by:**

**WHEREAS**; Idahoans serving in the armed forces have pledged their very lives to defend the freedom to self-govern, to associate as a private political organization, to engage in a fair and unbiased contest for the election of government leaders and legislative representatives;

**WHEREAS** not all individuals serving in the military consider it either possible or appropriate to “affiliate” formally with a political party;

**WHEREAS** the inability of active-duty military to participate in Idaho Republican processes without formal affiliation became a driving force behind Proposition 1 in 2024, an initiative whose defeat cost Republicans, conservatives and allies hundreds of thousands of dollars;

**WHEREAS** the number of active-duty military from Idaho at any one point in time is relatively small (<200), and the percent of those who choose to cast votes in partisan primaries is even smaller, and when they do participate, they tend to vote for conservative Republicans who will follow the Constitution that they have sworn their lives to defend; and

**WHEREAS** the decision as to who can and cannot participate in Party processes rests with the Party, and extending an open invitation to vote to active-duty military signals the Party’s respect for their service:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee approves the participation of Idaho residents who are serving on active duty within the U.S. Armed Forces in votes to select the Party’s nominees, contingent on their affiliation on county voter files indicating either unaffiliated, or affiliation as a Republican.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair of the Idaho Republican Party inform the Idaho Secretary of State of this determination.

## Resolution 2025-10

### Title: Resolution to Empower Private and Community Healthcare Clinics

**Submitted by:** Craig Yadon - Bannock Chair

**Passed by:** Bannock County Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS** Idaho is best served by a competitive healthcare market

**BE IT KNOWN** that the Idaho Republican Party supports effective legislation to empower private and community healthcare clinics and discourages the anti-competitive consolidation of healthcare markets abetted by government favor.

**Resolution 2025-11**  
**Title: Censure of Hyrum Erickson**

**Submitted by:** Keith Markle - Adams Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Resolution 2025-12

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

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

**Passed by:** Canyon Canyon Republican Central Committee

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS,** the Pride Movement's contemporary form makes up a key ideological pillar of "Cultural Marxism," which is disguised under the pretense of the social justice movement in the United States<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pride Movement is inherently sexual in nature<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** the Idaho Republican Party "believe[s] that traditional family values are the foundation"<sup>3</sup> of our national strength, cohesion, prosperity, and freedom; and

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

**WHEREAS,** the Idaho Republican Party Platform affirms that intentionally confusing children regarding their biological sex is wrong<sup>4</sup>; and

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS,** per Idaho Code 18-1515, it is unlawful for a person to "disseminate material harmful to minors"<sup>7</sup>; and

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

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

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

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

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- **2** Boise Pride Event  
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- **3** Idaho Republican Party Platform, Article XIV. American Family, pg. 14.  
<https://idgop.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/2024-2026-Idaho-Republican-Party-Platform.pdf>
- **4** Idaho Republican Party Platform, Article XIV. American Family, Section 4. Children, pg. 15.  
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- **6** <https://law.justia.com/codes/idaho/title-18/chapter-15/section-18-1513/>; Idaho Code 18-1514 offers definitions for obscene material as mentioned in Idaho Code 18-1513 <https://law.justia.com/codes/idaho/title-18/chapter-15/section-18-1514/>
- **7** <https://law.justia.com/codes/idaho/title-18/chapter-15/section-18-1515>

**Resolution 2025-13**  
**Title: Legislator Salary**

**Submitted by:** Nicolas Gatejen, Elmore County State Youth

**Passed by:** Elmore County Republican Central Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Resolution 2025-14

### Title: A Resolution Asserting Limits to Partisanship in Municipal Elections

**Submitted by:** Todd Thomas, Chair, Franklin County

**Passed by:** Franklin County Republican Central Committee – October 27, 2022

**To be presented by:** Todd Thomas, Chair, Franklin County

**WHEREAS**; the Platform of the Idaho Republican Party supports no partisan decision-making with regard to contracting for construction and maintenance of infrastructure, provision of youth recreation programs, delivery of dependable utility service, enforcement of codes and statutes, or promotion of good will among community residents;

**WHEREAS** the best local governance in towns and cities comes from individuals motivated by altruistic love of community, as such positions rarely pay lucrative salaries and do not financially support expensive partisan electioneering and campaigning;

**WHEREAS** political parties are tools for achieving good government, but the power of a party is not an end goal itself superior to responsive and efficient governance;

**WHEREAS**, in an environment with scarce volunteer leadership, selecting persons of good character may be a higher priority than partisanship in the composition of local boards, councils and committees;

**WHEREAS** building consensus within small towns and cities frequently requires statesmanship more than political loyalty, and single-minded partisanship can become an obstacle to such statesmanship; and

**WHEREAS** it is only in larger communities where decision-making often defaults to overarching political philosophies that partisan elections yield any benefit to voters:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the IDGOP state central committee actively advocate and urge that any conversion of Idaho's currently non-partisan elected leadership to partisan office be limited to jurisdictions of 50,000 population and larger.

## **Resolution 2025-15**

### **Title: To Fix Idaho's Foreign Invasion Problem**

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

**Passed by:** LD11 Committee on 11-14-24

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

Proposed Text:

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

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

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

**WHEREAS** this has NOTHING to do with the dismantling of farm workers or agriculture employment, unless a worker is found to be a criminal.

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

This isn’t Los Angeles or El Paso. This is Boise, Idaho.

3 busloads of illegal aliens dropped off within 15 minutes of each other. The Biden Admin continues to use the illegal alien invasion to radically remake our nation’s political landscape, especially in Red States.

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

“In Ketchum, Idaho:

Hundreds of illegal immigrant families arrive from Peru.

Most do not speak English or Spanish, but indigenous Quechuan.

They have NO work visas.

Many have no shelter, with winter approaching.

Americans are generous, but generosity can’t solve this problem.

Kamala Harris’ illegal immigration invasion is greater than the resources available in most American towns; greater than a small community can absorb safely, no matter how generous the taxpayers are.

Border Czar Kamala Harris designed the problem this way: she wants to weaponize your generosity for millions of foreign nationals while your children drown in a sea of violent crime and illegal drugs.”

**WHEREAS**, according to Tom Fitton at Judicial Watch, he writes,

“ICE Issues Half the Detainers for Criminal Aliens in Local Custody under Biden than President Trump.” And “As a result, criminal aliens released inside the country are committing crimes against Americans at an alarming rate, according to a report published just weeks ago by the House Judiciary Committee. The probe found that, of the millions of illegal immigrants who have entered the United States under the Biden administration’s disastrous open border policies, over 617,000 have criminal records and they are victimizing Americans and terrorizing communities throughout the nation.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS** this resolution is not referring to immigrants legally residing in the US on an HB1/HB2 visa.

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

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

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

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Party (AKA- Idaho GOP-IDGOP) identify the border security issue as a problem for our state and ask our legislators to create legislation that will allow the Idaho State Police and County Sheriffs to establish highway and interstate checkpoints (checkpoints akin to what US Border Patrol has), as well as create legislation that will allow illegal aliens who have not otherwise committed a crime to be detained and turned over to ICE- but more importantly stipulate Gov. Brad Little AND Attorney General Raul Labrador to invoke Article I, § 10, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution, thereby enabling the State of Idaho to protect its own territory against invasion by the Mexican drug cartels, and classify all entities from all countries that cross our border illegally to be members of a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO)

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

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

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## Resolution 2025-16

### Title: Condemn and Ban Weather Modification, Solar Geoengineering, and Any Other Polluting Atmospheric Intervention and Operation Within the Borders of the State of Idaho

**Submitted by:** Melissa Blevins, Alternate Precinct 22 Committeeman

**Passed by:** LD 11, of the Canyon County Republican Central Committee on 11/14/2024

**To be presented by:** Melissa Blevins, Alternate Precinct 22 Committeeman

**WHEREAS**, “Cloud Seeding” is the “deliberate introduction into clouds of various substances that act as condensation nuclei or ice nuclei in an attempt to induce precipitation” by aerial dispersion or ground cloud-seeding generators.

**WHEREAS**, “Solar Geoengineering” (also referred to as “Solar Radiation Management” (SRM)) “refers to the proposed approaches to cool the Earth by reflecting solar radiation back to space” through two main avenues being ‘stratospheric aerosol injection’ (SAI), and ‘marine cloud brightening’ (MCB) via aircraft or balloon dispersion, in an attempt “rapidly to cool the Earth” in order to mitigate ‘global warming.’

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2024, the state of Tennessee enacted into law bills SB 2691 and HB 2063, “Environmental Preservation,” prohibiting the “the intentional injection, release, or dispersion, by any means, of chemicals, chemical compounds, substances, or apparatus within the borders of this state into the atmosphere with the express purpose of affecting temperature, weather, or the intensity of the sunlight.” Other states who introduced similar legislation in 2024: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, South Carolina, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Illinois, Missouri, and Minnesota. If weather modification is not happening in our country, there is no need for laws to ban these acts and substances into our environment. The state of Idaho should follow suit, to help lead the way for other states to enact the same laws until this is eradicated from our nation entirely.

**WHEREAS**, it is not simply dry ice that is being used to seed clouds to promote rainfall and snow, or sea salt to create clouds to refract sunlight in an attempt to alter earth’s atmosphere. Silver Iodide, Graphene Oxide, Strontium, Aluminum, Barium, Thorium, Caesium, Copper, Titanium, Silicon, Lithium, Cobalt, Lead, Ethylene Dibromide, and etc. are used, which are radioactive and/or toxic and potentially pathogenic. They are dispersed in **nanoparticle** form which are able to be introduced into the body through inhalation or absorbed through the skin, thus entering the bloodstream. In nanoparticle form, it can cause damage on a cellular level and even crosses the blood-brain barrier. Furthermore, these substances are being distributed repeatedly in the same geographic areas.

**WHEREAS**, Silver Iodide falls to the ground through rain and snowfall, and remains in soils and sediments. A study on the cumulative effects from repeated use in the same geographic area found that soil bacteria “had a moderate decrease in cell viability,” and freshwater algae “induced a significant decrease in photosynthetic activity that is primarily associated with the respiration... These results suggest that silver iodide from cloud seeding may moderately affect biota living in both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems if cloud seeding is repeatedly applied in a specific area and large amounts of seeding materials accumulate in the environment.” This should be of particular concern for our Idaho farmlands. We can conclude that our Idaho crops and their quality are being and will be compromised by repeatedly uptaking rainwater that was seeded with silver iodide.

**WHEREAS**, in the body, “Silver Iodide causes numerous health risks, including toxicity, reproductive disorders, developmental defects, and cancer. Silver iodide is extremely toxic and can cause severe burns if it comes into contact with the skin. Inhaling silver iodide can also be fatal.” It can attach to particles in the air such as dust or smoke, and can be inhaled or ingested. Prolonged exposure can lead to argyria, a condition of silver accumulation in tissues causing them to

turn blue, which is irreversible. This is not just toxic to humans, but animals alike, who are also breathing this in and ingesting the grass and grain grown from rainwater that was seeded with silver iodide. It also affects their tissues, then humans eat them. 1

**WHEREAS**, the US government submitted a Patent Application Publication on January 6, 2022, inventing “3D Graphene Oxide Nanoparticles for Cloud Seeding Patent US 2022/0002159 A1” which creates a “composite for ice nucleation.” Graphene oxide has “thermal properties” and is “highly reactive” and due to “its nanoscale size and high reactivity, when introduced into the body, they can interact with biological tissues in ways that larger particles cannot...they can penetrate cellular membranes and potentially cause damage at a cellular level”, “disrupting normal biological functions”, and “cause damage to cells, proteins, and DNA, leading to a variety of diseases.”

**WHEREAS**, “High-levels of stable Strontium can impair bone growth” in children, “radioactive Strontium can cause anemia or cancer,” Barium is “linked to cardiovascular issues, respiratory problems, and gastrointestinal issues,” Aluminum is “associated with neurological disorders such as Alzheimer’s and Multiple Sclerosis,” radioactive Thorium and Caesium “can lead to cancer, genetic mutations,” Copper overexposure can “result in liver and kidney damage, as well as gastrointestinal symptoms,” Titanium inhalation may cause respiratory irritation and potential long-term lung damage,” prolonged Silicon dust exposure can lead to Silicosis, excessive Lithium exposure “have adverse effects on the nervous system and thyroid function,” Cobalt is “linked to respiratory issues, heart problems, and skin irritation,” Lead is “known to cause developmental delays in children, as well as neurological and cardiovascular problems in adults,” “Ethylene Dibromide is a “classified carcinogen.”

**WHEREAS**, According to the White House Congressionally Mandated Report on Solar Radiation Modification: Scientific dimensions of solar radiation modification (SRM) systems include the use of interoperable ground-based, airborne, and space-based facilities. Page 6 provides information on outdoor experiments for stratospheric aerosol injection (SAI) and the testing of aerosol injection technologies. Page 15 acknowledges that SRM consequences may include "more frequent extreme drought or precipitation events." Page 22: "For SAI experiments, of interest is how aerosols are formed and evolve in the real stratosphere in response to the injection of aerosols or aerosol-precursor gases (e.g., sulfur dioxide). A variety of aerosol materials could be examined." Page 43: "The Federal government conducts or funds limited research into SRM. Congress has directed NOAA to fund SRM research as part of its Earth's Radiation Budget Program for the last several years."

**WHEREAS**, In Idaho in 2021, bill HB266, by the Resources and Conservation Committee, passed into law which “Adds to existing law to provide for cloud seeding in Idaho.” On Paragraph 5 of this bill, liability and permit requirements were removed: “The act of cloud seeding...shall not be the basis of any claim of liability, including but not limited to trespass or public or private nuisance, and shall not require any state or local permits.” Citizens living in the vicinity of cloud seeding operations who’s health or property may be compromised or damaged from cloud-seeding efforts, no longer have any recourse. There is no opt-out option to exposure. There’s not even a requirement to notify before spraying occurs. No accountability for infringing on private property rights. No oversight with no more permit requirements. The risk of cloud seeding is placed upon citizens. If cloud seeding is so safe, there should be no need for immunity.

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Power has on their website a page titled ‘Cloud Seeding’ in which it states that “the program began in 2003” and “Idaho Power operates remote-controlled ground-based generators and aircraft to target the Payette, Boise, and Wood River basins as well as the upper Snake River system.” They have “57 remote ground-seeding generators on mountains in Idaho,” and “uses three airplanes to seed from the sky.” Idaho Power also admits to experimenting with using liquid propane to cloud seed in addition to using silver iodide. Liquid propane “can seed clouds at warmer temperatures” which can keep the program running year-round, as silver iodide can only attach to clouds in temperatures “below 23 degrees F” which limits the months the program can run.

**WHEREAS**, Liquid propane is flammable. “The Idaho Department of Water Resources claims that the cloud seeding program has been in use for 3 decades in California, Utah, and Colorado without any issues. All three states have seen a very large increase in fires in recent years. Conveniently, departments place blame on global warming, but refuse to investigate a correlation between cloud seeding and fire increase in the same time period.” The summer of 2024 saw unprecedented wild fires all over the state of Idaho. The correlation must not be discounted. 2

**WHEREAS**, cloud seeding may also have the effect of “drying up” clouds or causing too much precipitation. This is evident in the use at airports in order to dissipate fog, and in cloud seeding program’s ‘hail mitigation’ efforts as admitted by IWRB Cloud Seeding 101 slide presentation. Or it can cause too much precipitation. Thus, cloud-seeding could cause drought, and it could also cause flooding. We have seen the recent effects of drought in Idaho with the water curtailment order issued in May 2024 to eastern Idaho because of a projected water shortage of “74,100 acre-feet of water for the Twin Falls Canal Company.” “The recent flooding events in the Wood River Valley in May 2023 have raised questions about the role of cloud seeding in exacerbating flooding conditions...the cloud seeding program in the Wood River Basin was terminated in March 2023 due to high snowpack levels and water supply forecasts. Yet, just two months later, significant flooding occurred, leading to mandatory evacuations.”

**WHEREAS**, An August 2022 article titled ‘Dodging Silver Bullets: How Cloud Seeding Could Go Wrong’ stated, “While cloud seeding is not a new technology- the first experiments took place in the 1940s- it fell out of favor in the 1980s for being an ‘unacceptable ethical and environmental hazard.’ It is now back on the policy agenda as a climate adaptation strategy. Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, and California have all expanded their cloud seeding operations in the past two years in response to worsening drought. Despite its potential, the risks associated with cloud seeding are high, and there is significant danger that cloud seeding may do more harm than good.” “As early as 1965, the National Science Foundation called for urgent social science research into the impacts of weather modification, stating, ‘If the development techniques of weather and climate modification are to be used intelligently, the human consequences of deliberate or inadvertent intervention need to be anticipated before they are upon us.’ But these issues continue to be underexplored.”

**WHEREAS**, environmental exposure of trees and plants to Solar Geoengineering substances are causing them to bloom too early, and die too soon in the year, are unable to uptake nutrients, and are causing them to go dormant. Nutrients in the plants we eat are dramatically decreasing. Gardens are not producing. Forests are becoming timber graveyards that are extremely flammable. Methane deposits are releasing into the atmosphere and are increasing. One can conclude that our air quality will suffer from lack of oxygen produced from the tree’s and plant’s inability to clean the air of harmful gases. Because of this, efforts to mitigate ‘global warming’ are moot.

**WHEREAS**, Idaho citizens from all over the state are having their rainwater tested and sent to independent laboratories for analysis. Lab results conclude that we have Aluminum, Barium, Vanadium, and Titanium in our rainwater from samples collected after high amounts of spraying via aircraft was observed that created rainfall. It is not natural for these substances to exist in Earth’s atmosphere.

**WHEREAS**, transparency in reporting, testing, and oversight is seriously lacking in Idaho. Quantities and complete disclosure of substances used are not clearly reported. Specific dates of spraying are not disclosed. Ongoing testing to assess the environmental impacts is not happening despite the law requiring the DEQ to conduct and report on testing in seeded basins. A FOIA request confirms the lack of records and of testing and monitoring procedures. There is no control in existence by which to measure for testing and reporting purposes. We have no idea the impacts of accumulation. “Weather Modification programs are required to submit interim and final reports to NOAA, however the current database lacks searchable document fields, limiting public access to information.” There are no public hearings, no media notification.

**WHEREAS**, acts of man overtaking and manipulating “acts of God” usually ends in catastrophic results. Not trusting God to provide, in this case, adequate water and regulation of the earth’s temperature, goes against the 2022-2024 Republican

platform Preamble “WE ARE REPUBLICANS BECAUSE: We believe the strength of our nation lies with our faith and reliance on God our Creator...” We should rely on God, not man, to provide for humanity and our Earth through means of weather and natural climate conditions, as God intended.

**WHEREAS**, weather modification and solar geoengineering go against the 2022-2024 Republican Party Platform ARTICLE VI. NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT “The Idaho Republican Party recognizes that the beautiful and fruitful land that we have been given by God, our creator, must be properly cared for to ensure that its rich blessings will continue to be enjoyed for generations to come.” As well as Section 1 and Section 6.

**WHEREAS**, the cost of cloud-seeding programs costs millions of dollars each year. For fiscal year 2024, Idaho has allotted seven million dollars in tax-payer funds for cloud seeding programs in Idaho.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party hereby condemns, and will be determined to prohibit the further use and experimentation of the intentional injection, release, or dispersion, by any means, of chemicals, chemical compounds, substances, or apparatus within the borders of the State of Idaho into the atmosphere with the express purpose of affecting temperature, weather, or the intensity of the sunlight.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party will encourage elected officials to discontinue funding of any such program, operation, research, or experimentation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party hereby condemns Idaho Code 42-4301 CLOUD SEEDING.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party will encourage elected officials to develop a means of enforcement in its efforts to prohibit these operations, programs, and experimentations.

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

**Submitted by:** Jackie Davidson PC 1614

**Passed by:** Ada County Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Jackie Davidson PC 1614

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Resolution 2025-18**

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

**Submitted by:** Thomas Wangeman

**Passed by:** Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Thomas Wangeman

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Resolution 2025-19**

### **Title: Resolution to Amend Idaho State Constitution Regarding Initiatives**

**Submitted by:** Howard Rynearson, Payette County Chairman

**Passed by:** Payette County Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Howard Rynearson, Payette County Chairman

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Submitted by:** Region V Central Committee

**Passed by:** Region V Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Brian Almon, Chairman LD14

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

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Idaho Republican Party condemns anti-American ideologies such as DEI, and;

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Idaho Republican Party calls upon the Governor to sign such legislation.

## Resolution 2025-21

### Title: Resolution to Restore the Idaho State Presidential Primary in March

**Submitted by:** Dan Schoenberg, Latah County State Committeeman

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

**To be presented by:**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Idaho has historically held a Presidential Primary to determine the Republican nominee for President of the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Legislature in 2016 passed Senate Bill 1066 which moved the Presidential Primary date from May to the second Tuesday in March, allowing for greater voter participation and ensuring Idaho's voice was heard earlier in the election cycle;

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 the Idaho Legislature unintentionally eliminated the Presidential Primary election by passing House Bill 138, and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 the Idaho Legislature was unable to restore the Presidential Primary to the state election calendar and,

**WHEREAS**, the Presidential Primary offers a more inclusive and accessible process for Idaho voters, allowing them to participate directly in the selection of Presidential nominees, regardless of their ability to attend a specific caucus location or meet other time-based requirements; and,

**WHEREAS**, a Presidential Primary system aligns with the values of representative democracy by allowing every eligible voter to have an equal opportunity to cast their vote and have their voice heard in the process of selecting nominees; and,

**WHEREAS**, the move to restore the Presidential Primary will be a reflection of Idaho's commitment to ensuring that every Republican voter has an opportunity to engage in a fair, transparent, and representative election process;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Party calls upon the Idaho State Legislature to pass legislation to restore the Presidential Primary in March for future presidential election cycles;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party will work closely with the Idaho State Legislature, county party organizations, and other stakeholders to advocate for the timely restoration of the March Presidential Primary, ensuring that Idaho's voice is heard and that Idaho Republicans continue to play an active and influential role in the presidential nomination process,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho State Republican Party, upon the restoration of the Presidential Primary, should take all necessary actions to ensure that the election process is conducted with integrity, transparency, and efficiency, and that the interests of all Idaho Republicans are represented in the delegate selection process.

**Resolution 2025-22**  
**Title: Enshrining the Right to Life in the State Constitution**

**Submitted by:** Colton Bennett, Latah County Youth Committeeperson

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

**To be presented by:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Resolution 2025-23

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

**Submitted by:** David Shepard, Latah County 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair

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

**To be presented by:**

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

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

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

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

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

## Resolution 2025-24

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

**Submitted by:** David Shepard, Latah County 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair

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

**To be presented by:**

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proposed legislation would:

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

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

**Resolution 2025-25**  
**Title: Take Back Idaho Lands**

**Submitted by:** LD 23 Republicans

**Passed by:** LD 23 Republicans

**To be presented by:** Walt Holton, Owyhee County

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative District 23 believes that each state is a sovereign land; and IDAHO CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 1. SECTION 1. INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF MAN. All men are by nature free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing and protecting property; pursuing happiness and securing safety.

**WHEREAS** the benefits of this land belong to the people of Idaho for their enjoyment, for the pursuit of their happiness and liberty; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government has abused its power by claiming land within the borders of Idaho that should belong to the citizens of Idaho. “The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages nearly 12 million acres of public lands in Idaho, nearly one- fourth of the state's total land area, for multiple uses.”<sup>[1]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government continues to claim rights that they as government do not have, as stated by our esteemed Attorney General, Raul Labrador, “I'm sure the federal government and its army of bureaucrats will be back with more fantastical plans to control Idaho's water and, by extension, its people. But we will be ready to defend our laws and send them packing. Until then, vigilance is always the best course of action. Be especially wary when the government starts talking about their “rights” to anything. People have rights. Government has the duty to protect and preserve those rights for the people, not take them away.”<sup>[2]</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of Idaho and its people to reclaim their rights to their land and its benefits.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the citizens of Legislative District 23 extend their deepest gratitude to the Attorney General of the Great State of Idaho for his admirable efforts in standing with Utah in the defense of state sovereignty; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the citizens of Legislative District 23 and the Idaho Republican Party ask the Attorney General of the Great State of Idaho to review the Utah court filing<sup>[3]</sup> and assess if Idaho could file its own similar lawsuit, file an amicus brief<sup>[4]</sup> or adjoin other court filing to repatriate BLM lands within the borders of Idaho to the benefit the citizens of Idaho.

**FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the citizens of Legislative District 23 and Idaho Republican Party ask the Idaho Legislature appropriate funds necessary for the Attorney General's office to evaluate and follow through with what is deemed appropriate legal action to reclaim BLM lands within Idaho borders.

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**SOURCES:**

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3 <https://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/utah-files-landmark-lawsuit-challenging-federal-control-overmost-blm-land/>

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<https://idahocapitalsun.com/2024/10/28/12-states-get-behind-utahs-lawsuit-to-take-over-millions-of-acres-of-federally-controlled-land/>

**Resolution 2025-26**  
**Title: A Resolution Recognizing Idaho Election Success**

**Submitted by:** Michael Colson - Region 10

**Passed by:**

**To be presented by:**

**WHEREAS**, one of the most important right to Americans is the right to vote;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Republican Party is to turn out the most Republicans in the general elections;

**WHEREAS**, the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution states that the right of the citizens to vote shall not be denied;

**WHEREAS**, we believe that this includes the right to have your vote counted and not diluted or manipulated by non-citizens vote or voting machines that can corrupt the vote;

**WHEREAS**, we believe there should be in person same day voting, early voting, and excuse only absentee ballots with paper ballots;

**WHEREAS**, we believe it is important not to legitimize or support any practice that would diminish and/or disenfranchise the voting citizens of Idaho;

**WHEREAS**, the November 2024 General election set a new record for most voters and most Republican voters in Idaho history;

**WHEREAS**, Idaho's elections were efficiently, safely, and securely run by the Secretary of State and Idaho's County Clerks;

**WHEREAS**, The Governor and Secretary of State successfully signed and executed the first in the nation executive order, the ONLY CITIZENS VOTE ACT, which allowed the removal of any non-citizen on the voter roll.

**WHEREAS**, The Secretary of State and Idaho's County Clerks implemented the 12 Principles of Idaho Elections to further their commitment to ensuring the accessibility, integrity, and security of Idaho's elections;

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Legislature passed critical legislation to implement stronger laws for identification at the polls, prove residency, and eliminate ballot harvesting;

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Legislature passed legislation to prohibit ranked choice voting and prohibit any voting machines to be connected to the internet;

**WHEREAS**, Idaho set a record for most votes ever in the November General election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Idaho Republican Party believes Idaho's elections, which produced an overwhelming victory for President Donald J. Trump and Senator JD Vance, are a model for the nation, especially our fellow western states;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Idaho Republican Party strongly supports the continual improvements made in Idaho elections to make it easy to vote but hard to cheat; and supports the hard work of Phil McGrane and the Idaho Secretary of State's Office.

**Resolution 2025-27**  
**Title: Resolution Against an Article V Convention**

**Submitted by:** Ronalee Linsenmann

**Passed by:** Canyon County Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Ronalee Linsenmann

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Constitution has stood for over 230 years as the foundational document for American liberty, limiting federal power, protecting individual rights, and preserving state sovereignty;

**WHEREAS**, efforts led by groups such as Mark Meckler's Constitution of States (COS) and supported by progressive organizations—including Veterans for Peace, Move to Amend, and groups backed by George Soros—are pushing for an Article V Constitutional Convention to amend the Constitution, threatening to undermine key protections like the Second Amendment;

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, California lawmakers, under Governor Gavin Newsom, approved a call for a Constitutional Convention to propose a 28th Amendment for sweeping gun control measures, directly targeting the Second Amendment;

**WHEREAS**, the Article V process allows Congress, rather than state legislatures, to control the rules and procedures of the Convention, creating the risk of a radical, uncontrollable process that could alter the U.S. Constitution and expand federal power;

**WHEREAS**, delegates to a Constitutional Convention would face the pressures of modern political agendas and may propose amendments that conflict with the original intent of the U.S. Constitution, potentially eroding freedoms and state sovereignty;

**WHEREAS**, the Founding Fathers risked everything to create a government that would protect individual liberties and limit federal power, and modern delegates may lack the same commitment to these principles;

**WHEREAS**, the groups advocating for a Constitutional Convention have acknowledged the potential for abuse, and efforts to rewrite the Constitution could lead to unintended consequences that weaken vital protections for Americans;

**WHEREAS**, some groups have misled citizens by suggesting that an Article V Convention could be limited to issues like a Balanced Budget Amendment, while others, including the liberal Wolf-PAC, are pushing for broader changes that could reshape the Constitution in ways that benefit the federal government at the expense of citizens' rights;

**WHEREAS**, if members of Congress and state leaders today are unwilling to fully adhere to the existing U.S. Constitution, including its Bill of Rights, we have no reason to believe they would respect a newly mutated Constitution that may further empower a bloated federal government while limiting personal freedoms;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party strongly opposes the calling of a Constitutional Convention (Article V Convention), recognizing that it poses a serious risk to the integrity of the U.S. Constitution and the rights of Americans;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party reaffirms its commitment to preserving the Constitution as originally written, upholding the principles of limited government, individual freedoms, and state sovereignty;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Party will continue to educate the public and elected officials about the dangers of an Article V Constitutional Convention and advocate for the preservation of the Constitution and its protections for all citizens.

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**SOURCES:**

\*\*\*1 <https://www.movetoamend.org/> , Watch the video

at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ah\\_3QP-FdAM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ah_3QP-FdAM) LISTEN 2:43 MINUTE INTO

VIDEO Greg Coleridge, Move to Amend and Mike Ferner, ?co-founder? Veterans for  
Peace laid the foundation for “occupy Wallstreet”

\*\*\*13 <https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2023/06/the-dark-money-behind-mark-mecklers-convention-of-states.html>

## Resolution 2025-28

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

**Submitted by:** Chris Trakel - Canyon Chair

**Passed by:** Canyon County Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:**

**WHEREAS** Idaho's residency requirement for voting is clearly stated in Idaho Code section 34- 107(1), to wit:

“Residence,’ for voting purposes, shall be the principal or primary home or place of abode of a person. Principal or primary home or place of abode is that home or place in which his habitation is fixed and to which a person, whenever he is absent, has the present intention of returning after a departure or absence therefore, regardless of the duration of absence;”

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Canyon County Republican Central Committee:

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

**Resolution 2025-29**  
**Title: Resolution to Define and Denounce Marxism**

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

**Passed by:** Canyon County Republican Central Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the concept of Open Primary Elections and Ranked Choice Voting has received broad support from groups such as the National Communist<sup>1</sup> and Democrat Parties of America and these radical leftist groups are attempting to push these initiatives in conservative states in an attempt to flip the balance of power so liberal ideology gains political control of those states

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

***THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Idaho Republican Party adds to its Party Platform total denunciation of Marxism in all forms.

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***SOURCES:***

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

## Resolution 2025-30

### Title: Prohibiting Candidate Withdrawals After Primary Election

**Submitted by:** Brian Almon

**Passed by:** District 14 Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Brian Almon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Idaho Republican Party calls upon the Governor to sign such legislation.

## Resolution 2025-31

### Title: Resolution to Add A Definitions Section to Idaho's Defense of Life Act (Idaho Code 18-622)

**Submitted by:** Heidi Smith (PC)

**Passed by:** Canyon County Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:** Chris Trakel

**WHEREAS**, the Defense of Life Act (Idaho Code section 18-622) which places strict limits on abortion in Idaho does not have a current section on Definitions;

**WHEREAS** much of the argument against Idaho Code section 18-822 (Defense of Life Act) revolves around procedures which medically do not constitute abortion;

**WHEREAS** there remains medical confusion regarding procedures which do not constitute abortion; and

**WHEREAS** continued assaults on said Act stem at least in part from said confusion and lack of clarity; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Canyon County Republican Central Committee:

1. urges the Idaho State Legislature to include a section of definitions in the Defense of Life Act (Idaho Code section 18-622);

2. urges the Idaho State Legislature to include in said Definitions section items included but not limited to the following:

- a) definition of pregnancy (a zygote, embryo, fetus, or any other designation for an unborn human being residing in the uterus);
- b) definitions and/or examples of procedures which do NOT constitute abortion (such as reduction of ectopic “pregnancies” which have implanted in the Fallopian tube; and medical procedures to remove an embryo, fetus, or any other designation of a pre-born human being which is already dead).

3. urges the Idaho GOP to support the aforementioned resolutions.

**Resolution 2025-32**  
**Title: Proposed Code Change to Idaho Code 32-502 and 503**

**Submitted by:** McCord Larsen

**Passed by:** Cassia County Republican Central Committee

**To be presented by:** McCord Larsen

**WHEREAS**, an election is not final until after the vote has been canvassed; and

**WHEREAS**, the time for canvassing a vote can be at least 6 to 7 days after the election, recounts or other matters may delay that time; and

**WHEREAS**, some discretion should be provided for when a county or legislative district can reorganize after a canvass; and

**WHEREAS**, county and legislative districts should be able to choose the most convenient location to hold their reorganization meetings; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee does hereby propose the following update to Idaho Code:

1. Idaho Code 34-502 reads in part and should be updated as follows:

34-502. COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE – MEMBERS – OFFICERS – DUTIES OF CHAIRMAN – NOTICE TO CHAIRMAN. The county central committee of each political party in each county shall consist of the precinct committeeman representing the precincts within the county and the county chairman elected by the precinct committeemen. The precinct committeemen within each county shall meet ~~at the county seat~~ within ~~ten~~ seven (~~10~~<sup>7</sup>) days after the primary election has been canvassed and at the time and date designated by the incumbent county chairman, and shall organize by electing a chairman, vice chairman, a secretary, a state committeeman, a state committeewoman, and such other officers as they may desire, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the county central committee or until their successors are elected.

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2. Idaho Code 34-503 reads in part and should be updated as follows:

34-503. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP – OFFICERS. The legislative district central committee of each political party in each legislative district shall consist of the precinct committeemen representing the precincts within the legislative district, and the legislative district chairman elected by the precinct committeemen. The precinct committeemen within each legislative district shall meet ~~within the legislative district or at a convenient location in the legislative district contiguous to the legislative district, or at a convenient location in a county in which any portion of the legislative district sits~~, within ~~eleven~~ fourteen (~~11~~<sup>14</sup>) days after the primary election has been canvassed, ~~at the meeting~~ time and ~~place to be date~~ designated by the incumbent legislative district chairman. ~~At this meeting the precinct committee men, and~~ shall organize by electing a chairman, vice chairman, a secretary and such other officers as they may desire, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the

legislative district central committee or until their successors are elected.