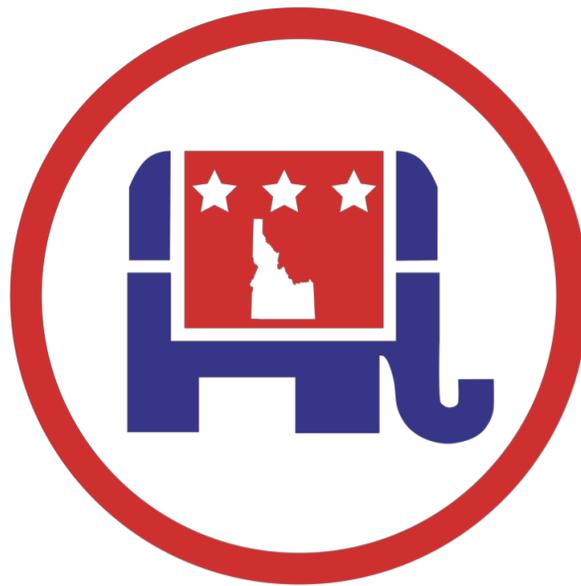


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Resolution 2021-01

A resolution supporting Healthcare Sharing Programs

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Party Platform on Health and Welfare says:

“We support a private enterprise health care delivery Submitted by Jesse Sumpter, Latah County Republican Precinct Committeeman

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Presented by Jesse Sumpter, Latah County Republican Precinct Committeeman system that provides cost-effective, quality health care with minimal government regulation,”

“We oppose socialized medicine and government mandated health insurance,”

“We support the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Healthcare Act in its entirety,”

“We believe the primary responsibility for the health and welfare of our citizens resides with the individual and their families,”

“We support freedom of choice and personal responsibility in all medical decisions, including providers and treatments,” and

“We support the rights of individuals to select their health care and insurance provider;”

WHEREAS Healthcare Sharing Programs like Christian Healthcare Ministries, Liberty HealthShare, Medi-Share, and Samaritan Ministries, among others, are enabling members to take responsibility for health expenses by sharing those expenses among its members;

WHEREAS Healthcare Sharing Programs encourage personal responsibility as well as private sharing of health expenses;

WHEREAS Healthcare Sharing Programs allow for individuals to be free from the bureaucracy of medical insurance companies; and

WHEREAS Healthcare Sharing Programs are on the cutting edge of future development in solving medical health expenses:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports these Healthcare Sharing Programs and any legislation that would protect and encourage these Healthcare Sharing Programs.

Resolution 2021-02

A resolution to change Idaho code to eliminate dual authority conflict over school district closures for public health concerns

WHEREAS, in the State of Idaho, local health authorities are granted the authority “to do all things required for the preservation and protection of the public health” per Idaho statute 39-414(2) and are granted authority to “order” school district trustees to close schools for public health concerns per Idaho statute 33-512(7);

WHEREAS, in the State of Idaho, school district trustees are granted the authority to enact school closure for public health concerns per Idaho statute 33-512(7); and

WHEREAS the above statutes grant dual authority over district closure decisions for health concerns and numerous conflicts have arisen:

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

- (1) The ultimate authority for local district closure for health concerns should rest with locally elected school district trustees.
- (2) The purpose of Public Health Districts and the Department of Health and Welfare is to advise and educate on matters of public health.
- (3) The Idaho State Legislature should modify the Idaho Code in the legislative session of 2021 to grant the sole authority and power for local district closure due to public health concerns to locally elected school district trustees.
- (4) The Idaho State Legislature should modify the Idaho Code in the legislative session of 2021 to remove the authority of Public Health Districts and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare when it comes to closing local district for health concerns and limit them to an advisory role for locally elected school district trustees.

Resolution 2021-03

A resolution in support of free, fair, and trustworthy elections in the State of Idaho

WHEREAS free and fair elections are the foundation of representative governance;

WHEREAS the people must have confidence that an election has be carried out freely and fairly;

WHEREAS a lack of transparency undermines confidence in a free and fair election; and

WHEREAS the appearance of an unfair advantage to any one party, whether real or imagined, undermines trust in the integrity of the election process,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Central Committee urges the Idaho State Legislature to clarify and explain to candidates what their options are for appointing poll watchers for each and every polling location for which said candidate is legally listed on the ballot:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party urges the Idaho State Legislature to adopt legislation ensuring that every poll watcher will be granted sufficient access to observe the verification and counting process, including the ability to see the votes on the ballots under observation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party urges the Idaho State Legislature to adopt legislation entitling any candidate running for public office, who can show that they were denied equal protection under the election laws of the State of Idaho, the right to request a recount, audit of the votes, and/or a recanvass.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges the Idaho State Legislature to adopt legislation to ensure that any election official who knowingly violates the election laws of the State of Idaho shall be subject to prosecution including fines and imprisonment as to be prescribed by the Idaho State legislature.

Resolution 2021-04

A resolution concerning emergency powers of Idaho's executive branch

WHEREAS the US Constitution and the Idaho Constitution are the highest laws in our state and cannot be suspended by Idaho Code, which is inferior to the constitutions;

WHEREAS the Idaho and US Constitution protects the life, liberty, and property rights of all Idaho Citizens;

WHEREAS the Idaho Governor suspended those same constitutional rights with his Statewide Stay Home Order on March 25, 2020 concerning COVID-19;

WHEREAS the Governor also cited Idaho Statute 46-1008 which explicitly includes a stipulation that “the legislature may terminate a state of disaster emergency *at any time*”, and by implication, allows them to meet “at any time”;

WHEREAS Idaho has received 1.25 Billion dollars from the federal government and the Idaho Governor has been disbursing those funds without legislative oversight; and

WHEREAS the Idaho state legislature has not been able to meet in 2020 to address the Governor's declaration of state of emergency as Idaho Statute allows for:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges the Idaho State Legislature to pass such laws and Constitutional amendments which state that Emergency Orders and Mandates may not exceed 30 days without ratification by the state legislature and that the legislature put specific limitations on the executive branch's ability to spend funds from any source, including funding from federal sources.

Resolution 2021-05

A resolution concerning Idaho emergency health orders restricting healthy citizens

WHEREAS the US Constitution and the Idaho Constitution are the highest laws in our state and cannot be suspended by Idaho Code, which is inferior to the constitutions;

WHEREAS, the Idaho and US Constitutions protects the life, liberty, and property rights of all Idaho citizens;

WHEREAS the Idaho Governor suspended those same constitutional rights with his Statewide Stay Home Order on March 25, 2020, concerning COVID-19;

WHEREAS, in that same Statewide Stay Home Order, the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare claimed to have authority by Idaho Code § 56-1003(7) “to impose and enforce orders of isolation and quarantine to protect the public from the spread of infectious or communicable diseases;”

WHEREAS the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare did not follow the Idaho Code § 56-1001(8) which defines "Quarantine" as “the restriction placed on the entrance to and exit from the place or premises where an infectious agent or hazardous material exists;”

WHEREAS the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare did not follow the Idaho Code § 56-1001(4) which defines "Isolation” as the separation of infected persons, or of persons suspected to be infected, from other persons to such places, under such conditions, and for such time as will prevent transmission of the infectious agent;”

WHEREAS the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare did not act to determine which citizens of Idaho were healthy and which were contaminated but instead declared that every citizen in Idaho was under quarantine in homes without any evidence that all or any part of Idaho had been contaminated with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS there was no evidence in March 2020 that every Idaho citizen, house, building, or location was contaminated with COVID-19:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Idaho’s Republican State Central Committee urges the Idaho State Legislature to pass such laws and Constitutional amendments which state that under no circumstances shall an Emergency Order or Mandate require healthy citizens to be quarantined, nor prevent healthy citizens from participating in commerce, education (k-college), or religious activities, nor require healthy citizens to wear particular clothing or equipment unless they are within a healthcare facility.

Resolution 2021-07

A resolution seeking a time for prayer for Idaho each year

WHEREAS our nation and state are facing grave challenges at present;

WHEREAS present times are full of challenges, difficult choices, and division, as there is much disagreement over how best to handle COVID-19 in a way that involves reasonable precautions but does not harm civil liberties, businesses and local economies, or the general welfare of Idahoans;

WHEREAS the Idaho GOP not only defends religious freedom, but has many devoutly religious members who believe our Creator is honored and pleased when we publicly acknowledge our need for wisdom from Him and seek Him corporately;

WHEREAS there is a long history of America's Civil Leaders setting aside specific times for voluntary spiritual purposes, such as prayer, fasting, repentance, and giving of thanks to our Creator; and

WHEREAS those who are irreligious have never been obligated to participate in such days, and would not be obligated by the appointment of such days in Idaho specifically:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho State Legislature define a period of several days, chosen to coincide with the few days in January before and including the typical beginning day of each year's legislative session, wherein Idahoans are encouraged to pray, not only for the world and our Nation, but especially for Idaho and Idaho's leaders – prayers for wisdom, prayers of repentance, prayers for peace, prayers for prosperity, and for protection from above.

Resolution 2021-08

A resolution clarifying proof of permanent residency requirements for same day registration

WHEREAS the purity of Idaho's local city and county elections depend in part on having sufficient and specific requirements for proof of residency for voting purposes;

WHEREAS the Idaho State Constitution ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 states,

SECTION 5. RESIDENCE FOR VOTING PURPOSES NOT LOST OR GAINED. For the purpose of voting, no person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence by reason of his presence or absence while employed in the service of this state, or of the United States, nor while engaged in the navigation of the waters of this state or of the United States, nor while a student of any institution of learning, nor while kept at any alms house or other asylum at the public expense.

WHEREAS Idaho law defines residency for election purposes as follows:

"34-107. "Residence" defined. (1) "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 therefrom, regardless of the duration of absence.

(2) In determining what is a principal or primary place of abode of a person the following circumstances relating to such person may be taken into account: business pursuits, employment, income sources, residence for income or other tax pursuits, residence of parents, spouse, and children, if any, leaseholds, situs of personal and real property, situs of residence for which the exemption in section 63-602G, Idaho Code, is filed, and motor vehicle registration.

(3) A qualified elector who has left his home and gone into another state or territory or county of this state for a temporary purpose only shall not be considered to have lost his residence.

(4) 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."

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WHEREAS Idaho Code regarding “ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION”, 34-408A, currently allows individuals to show “any document which contains a valid address in the precinct together with a picture identification card” as proof of permanent residence for same day registration purposes;

WHEREAS the terms “any document” and “picture identification card” are unacceptably broad terms, allowing individuals to use questionable documentation of permanent residence;

WHEREAS our GOP poll challengers and watchers directly observed election workers and officials allowing same day registrations based on nothing more than an out-of-state ID with a UPS package mailing label, or a Student ID with an Amazon order invoice;

WHEREAS election officials insisted that “Any document” means that a document does not need to be “official” in any sense, as long as it contains “a valid address in the precinct”, admitting that they have accepted Amazon shipping labels and other items like “DoorDash Receipts” for years, basing their argument entirely on this ambiguous section of code;

WHEREAS this ambiguous requirement in 34-408A is inconsistent with the aforementioned Idaho Constitution and Idaho Title 34 definitions; and

WHEREAS the State of Idaho already has a form for proving residency (ITD Form 3522 (Rev. 9-19) “Certificate of Idaho Residency” which does not suffer from the same ambiguity as 34-408A regarding what are acceptable proofs of residence:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Idaho’s legislators strike the easily misused language, “(2) Showing any document which contains a valid address in the precinct together with a picture identification card;” from 34-408A, and further specify the minimal standards and documentation that serve to sufficiently prove a permanent change of residency for purposes of voter registration, and especially same day registration, such that the standards are consistent with those required in the “Certificate of Idaho Residency”, ITD Form 3522, and properly reflect the high standards in Idaho’s State Constitution ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 and Idaho Title 34-107 definitions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Voter Registration Forms be modified to include verbiage per Idaho’s constitution to the effect that “I, the signer, declare Under Penalty of Law that I am a Citizen of the United States, that my primary home and legal residence is in this Idaho county/precinct; I have not come here for temporary purposes only; and I acknowledge that I shall be considered to have lost my permanent residency in all other locations by registering here.”

Resolution 2021-09

A resolution to improve Idaho poll worker training

WHEREAS honest people want free, fair, transparent, and auditable elections;

WHEREAS poll challengers in the 2020 elections observed notable instances of precinct workers lacking sufficient training on election day protocols;

WHEREAS those who take on the role of poll watchers, poll challengers, and poll workers must be consistently and fully trained to look for and respond to election process questions or mistakes;

WHEREAS the best systems have checks and balances; and

WHEREAS it would provide an additional check and balance for the state to provide county and precinct workers with standardized training according to the law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges the Idaho State Legislature and the Secretary of State's Office, to produce standardized election training materials for the entire state, with video materials, to be followed by a practicum completed ten days before any election for officials as well as poll workers, poll watchers, and poll challengers.

Resolution 2021-10

A resolution supporting the reform of the social studies content standards

WHEREAS the White Paper on Social Studies for the Idaho Content Standards asserts that “A strong emphasis should be placed on the important and enduring ideas, events and people that played a key role in our past and will serve as a foundation for our future.”;

WHEREAS our shared American culture has been shaped by and is a part of the broader cultural heritage that is Western Civilization;

WHEREAS, communicating this distinct heritage to our students is the only way to pass on intact our culture from one generation to the next; and,

WHEREAS, many key ideas, events, and people that define Western Civilization, are not mentioned anywhere in the Social Studies Content Standards:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges the Idaho State Legislature to ensure that the Idaho State Department of Education proposes an improved Idaho Social Studies Content Standard that will gift our students with an understanding and appreciation for our shared Western Civilization

Resolution 2021-14

A resolution on repeal of grocery tax

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Party Platform supports lower state taxes that are a burden on businesses, families and individuals;

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Party believes that tax reductions can be achieved by cutting spending on the state level;

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Party believes Idaho's tax structure should be fair, balanced, and moral;

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Party believes that lower taxes will result in increased economic activity and therefore increased revenue to the government as the private sector thrives;

WHEREAS Idaho currently imposes a 6% sales taxes on groceries like any other good even though people have no choice to consume food;

WHEREAS Idaho currently engages in an overly complicated grocery tax refund program whereby people pay 6% sales tax on food and then beg the State of Idaho to return some or all the sales tax paid on groceries through a tax credit scheme all while paying bureaucrats to administer the grocery tax refund scheme;

WHEREAS the grocery tax refund scheme amounts to an interest free loan Idahoans are forced to make the State of Idaho that totals millions of dollars annually;

WHEREAS imposing an Idaho sales tax on groceries penalizes Idaho border towns because Idaho residents cross the border to buy their groceries in Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming where no tax is imposed on groceries or Utah where a much-reduced tax is imposed on groceries thereby damaging the Idaho economy;

WHEREAS the arguments in favor of imposing a sales tax on groceries are wholly without merit such as (1) it taxes everyone equally like illegal aliens and nonresident tourists; (2) it is the only tax some people pay; (3) it imposes a fair "use tax"; or (4) its elimination will result in the price

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of groceries increasing 6% at the behest of greedy grocery suppliers who will see the opportunity to price gouge;

WHEREAS imposing an Idaho sales tax on groceries is regressive hurting low-income earners the very most;

WHEREAS imposing an Idaho sales tax is immoral given that food is a necessity that cannot be entirely avoided; and

WHEREAS repeal of the Idaho grocery sales tax will result in an immediate return of money into the pockets of hard-working Idahoans who will see an immediate reduction of their food bill by 6%;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho State Republican Party calls upon our elected state Representatives and Senators to support legislation ending the imposition of sales tax on groceries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho State Republican Party calls upon Idaho's Republican governor to sign legislation repealing the Idaho grocery sales tax;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee states unequivocally that (1) we whole heartedly support repeal of the immoral, unfair, and regressive grocery sales tax; (2) we expect all elected officials who identify themselves with the Republican name to do the same.

Resolution 2021-18

A resolution restricting legislative usurpation of power by unelected District Boards of Health

WHEREAS members of the District Boards of Health are not elected by the people to that office pursuant to Idaho Code 39-41 I;

WHEREAS appointed decision-making boards tend to dilute accountability and thus impede the people's right to self-govern;

WHEREAS Idaho Code 39-410 broadly delegates "such powers as required to perform the duties as are set forth in this act" to District Boards of Health;

WHEREAS unelected District Health Boards have, in 2020, issued edicts and exercised unchecked legislative power over the people; and

WHEREAS these edicts trample upon the Idaho Constitution and the separation of powers doctrine in Article II, Section 1, namely that:

The powers of the government of this state are divided into three distinct departments, the legislative, executive and judicial; and no person or collection of persons charged with the exercise of powers properly belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any powers properly belonging to either of the others, except as in this constitution expressly directed or permitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we call upon the Idaho Legislature to immediately reclaim their constitutional powers and duties by amending Chapter 4, Title 39 of Idaho Code to prohibit broad edicts by unelected District Boards of Health. We further urge the Legislature to expressly designate elected county commissions as the appropriate local entity for passage of any needed local ordinances and policies.

Resolution 2021-19

A resolution against the federal enshrining of corrupt voting practices

WHEREAS the Ninth and Tenth Amendments of the United States Constitution reserves to the states those powers not specifically granted to federal government;

WHEREAS the federal government consistently ignores this provision by passing laws and issuing unconstitutional executive orders that invade powers reserved to states; and

WHEREAS the House of Representatives of the United States has now passed HR1, a bill that would unconstitutionally override the ability of states to ensure legitimate elections and would prohibit states from stopping such corrupt practices as ballot harvesting:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we call upon the State Attorney General of Idaho to vigorously defend our state against this unconstitutional infringement by the federal government in the event it is enacted.

Resolution 2021-20

A resolution in support of the constitutional separation of powers

WHEREAS Article II of the Idaho Constitution plainly requires that no branch of government shall "exercise any powers properly belonging to either of the others, except as in this constitution expressly directed or permitted[;]"

WHEREAS Article III of the Idaho Constitution expressly vests the enactment of law in the Idaho Senate and House of Representatives;

WHEREAS Article IV of the Idaho Constitution grants no lawmaking authority to the Executive branch, emergency or otherwise; and

WHEREAS the Idaho legislature has unconstitutionally passed law in Idaho Code 46-1008 that falsely grants plenary lawmaking authority to the governor via executive orders that purport to have the force and effect of law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we call upon the Idaho legislature to reclaim its constitutional powers and rescind or revise Idaho Code 46-1008 and other sections incompatible with the separation of powers required in the Idaho Constitution.

Resolution 2021-21

A resolution rejecting socialism and the welfare state

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we reject socialism in all its disguises and call upon our state government to resist, using all legal means available, federal orders and laws that propagate a welfare state and teach our citizens to rely upon government as an income source.

Resolution 2021-22

A resolution in support of stopping big tech censorship of online speech

WHEREAS the free exchange of ideas and opinions is necessary for the continued existence of republican self-government;

WHEREAS the vast majority of speech now occurs in online forums; and

WHEREAS “Big Tech” oligarchs such as Facebook®, Twitter®, and Youtube® dominate those forums and have acted in concert to systematically quash conservative speech, including the total de-platforming of a republican President:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we denounce censorship of free speech by social media giants as destructive to American self-government and call upon the Idaho Legislature to pass legislation similar to the "Transparency in Technology Act" currently under consideration in the state of Florida.

Resolution 2021-23

A resolution supporting return to constitutional order by revocation of emergency declaration

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Party Platform strongly supports limited government and constitutional division of powers wherein legislative and executive branches are strictly constrained to their respective roles; and

WHEREAS our constitutional republican form of government is constructed specifically to avoid unilateral unchecked rule by the executive because free people must be extremely wary of emergency authorizations circumventing such limitations; and

WHEREAS Idahoans tolerate extra-constitutional emergency powers only so that urgent action can be taken when absolutely necessary in the case of chaotic pressing situations where regular order cannot be achieved and related provisions in the Idaho code were never intended to allow for the circumventing of regular order and constitutional roles for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS the Idaho State Legislature, with whom the rightful lawmaking authority resides, is currently in session and able to revoke the current emergency declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon our elected state Representatives and Senators to immediately reclaim (1) their constitutional law-making authority by ending the emergency executive declaration so that all COVID-19 matters will be dealt with through the regular constitutional order of the legislative process and (2) the power to call the legislature back into session by majority vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon Idaho's Republican governor to immediately revoke his emergency declaration and immediately cease attempts at retaining extra-constitutional authority.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee states unequivocally that (1) we support and uphold the principles of limited government espoused in the Republican Party Platform, (2) we expect all elected officials who identify themselves with the Republican name to do the same and (3) will in the future consider censure of any elected official who refuses to support the immediate revocation of the current COVID-19 emergency declaration.

Resolution 2021-24

A resolution regarding apportionment of the Legislature of the State of Idaho

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States of America establishes a government of limited and delineated powers under Article 1 Section 8 of that document and an executive, a congress, and a supreme judiciary to employ it tenants and aims;

WHEREAS the Constitution guarantees under Article 4 Section 4 the sovereign States a Republican form of government;

WHEREAS, under Article 6 "this Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof, ... shall be the supreme Law of the Land,"

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court, disregarding its duty to act in Pursuance of the Constitution, has found in their doctrine of the "living Constitution" in their view of the "hidden meaning" of the Constitution their power to disregard Article 4 Section 4 of the Constitution and to discover their right to unlawfully and unconstitutionally amend the Constitution by asserting that the States do not have the power to define their legislatures or adjudicate their makeup. We therefore reject the idea that a majority of unelected lawyers who are Justices on the Supreme Court can amend the Constitution, where otherwise it would take 2/3 majority of both Houses of Congress and 3/4 majority of the States of the Union to do so; and

WHEREAS our forefathers, the founders of this great country, foresaw the tyranny from the federal government that is now descending upon us and inserted the 10th Amendment into the Bill of Rights which contains the exclusive right of the State of Idaho to reject unconstitutional and illegal law foisted upon us by federal action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we implore the Idaho Legislature to submit to the people of Idaho a proposal to amend our State Constitution, re-instating our Republican form of government and re-enfranchising those small counties, an integral and important portion of our State, now in political limbo so their voices may also be heard at the State level and, further, obliterating the glaring specter of our present legislative districts. In implementing this, we submit the model below as a template for the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the citizens of the State of Idaho shall apportion our Legislature, following the model of representation in the Federal system in the Congress of the United States of America and asserting the Guarantee of a Republican form of government as delineated in Article IV Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States of America, that being in the following form:

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- (1) the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Idaho shall consist only of one Senator from each County of this State, and.
- (2) The House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Idaho shall consist of at least 70 members or as many more as may be established by statute and shall be adjudicated county by county on the basis that the number of citizens in each county bears to the population of the whole State of Idaho, provided that no member may represent the citizens of more than one county and further that each county shall have at least one representative in the House of Representatives of the Legislature.

Resolution 2021-25

A resolution against federal tyranny

WHEREAS we, the Republican Party of the State of Idaho are fully cognizant that each of the three branches of the federal government established under the Constitution of the United States of America are mandating to the sovereign State of Idaho laws, court decisions, edicts and rulings that exceed their Constitutional powers as delineated in Article 1 Section 8 and subsequent amendments of that document;

WHEREAS the President of the United States of America as head of the executive department of the federal government emits "executive orders" as law, when the Constitution explicitly endows the Congress the sole power to make laws and that departments of the executive branch regularly promulgate rules and regulations beyond the limits of their Constitutional powers;

WHEREAS the Congress makes laws not within the scope of its powers as defined in Article 1 Section 8 or subsequent amendments to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court routinely rules contrary to their powers as defined under the "Supremacy Clause" which states that laws and decisions made in PURSUANCE of the powers granted to the Federal government are the supreme law of the land ... justifying their actions by the utilization of a "discovered" power characterized as the "living constitution" wherein the Court rules on words or meanings that appear nowhere in the Constitution, thus abrogating the powers of the State and de-facto amending the Constitution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican State Central Committee of the State of Idaho respectfully petition, implore and in the name of the people of Idaho, demand that the Legislature of the State of Idaho assert its powers under the 10th Amendment of the Bill of Rights which gives our State plenary power to do so, to implement a process to nullify and reject any rule, regulation, law, decision or any other edict or missive from the Federal government from whatever branch it may come, that does not comply with powers granted that entity in the Constitution of the United States of America.

Resolution 2021-31

A resolution rejecting racial supremacy

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Party Preamble reads, "We believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability";

WHEREAS our nation, state, and city governments are republican in form;

WHEREAS, as codified in the U.S. Constitution, in Article 1, Section 9, the Framers moved to end the enslavement of human beings;

WHEREAS our nation ratified the 13th Amendment, Section 1 of which abolished slavery, on December 6, 1865;

WHEREAS our nation having endured Jim Crow Laws, Black Code, segregation, lynchings, bigotry, internment and other atrocious violations of human rights;

WHEREAS our nation, state, and communities are dangerously polarized and unnecessarily damaged by deceptive allegations of modern systemic racism; and

WHEREAS words, language and ideals are being politically weaponized to divide our nation, state, and communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee encourages its local, county, state, and federal elected officials to affirm the following:

- (1) that we openly and unanimously reject and abhor racial supremacy in all forms;
- (2) that we unanimously reject the dangerous polarization caused by the toxic idea of modern systemic racism; and
- (3) that we seek to learn from our nation, state, and community's past, and progress toward healing, human dignity, freedom, opportunity, and prosperity for all into the 21st Century and beyond.

Resolution 2021-41

A resolution in opposition to breaching of Snake and Columbia River Dams

WHEREAS Idaho receives much of its clean, renewable, and sustainable base load electricity from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) via hydroelectric facilities on the Snake and Columbia Rivers;

WHEREAS electric rates from the BPA are among the lowest in the country and these low rates are critical to the economic viability of farmers, ranchers, businesses, industry, and residents in Idaho;

WHEREAS breaching Snake River dams would threaten the economic viability of Idaho;

WHEREAS Snake River dams produce clean energy and have nearly no carbon emissions during their operation and therefore do not contribute to climate change in anyway;

WHEREAS hydroelectric dams are an ideal way to produce electricity because they are sustainable and provide base load power at very low cost;

WHEREAS Snake River dams are currently in place and producing electricity is a great benefit;

WHEREAS there is little to no environmental damage caused by operation of the Snake River dams;

WHEREAS removing the dams would cause the release of massive quantities of silt which would cause irreparable damage to the rivers and possibly destroy the fish that removal is trying to saved;

WHEREAS transportation of products from northern Idaho and eastern Washington to the west coast, is a critical factor to consider for the region's economic well-being;

WHEREAS barging provides a very safe and economical method to move products produced in Idaho;

WHEREAS the availability and continued utilization of the only seaport in the state of Idaho is extremely valuable to Idaho's economic future;

WHEREAS truck and rail transport is more hazardous and expensive than barging and thus has a significant impact on farmers and other businesses in Idaho;

WHEREAS the carbon footprint for barging is far less than the carbon foot print for trucking and rail and safety concerns are also much greater for truck and rail shipments;

WHEREAS water is the lifeblood of the arid regions of the intermountain west;

WHEREAS water storage must be replaced or there would be a devastating economic impact on region and lives would be greatly impacted;

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WHEREAS the entire culture of the area would see very negative consequences;

WHEREAS finding new water storage areas would have significant environmental impacts;

WHEREAS water recreation and recreation businesses would be profoundly affected;

WHEREAS flooding, domestic, and industrial water supplies would become significant issues;

WHEREAS \$32 billion may address some economic impacts of dam removal, no amount of money can protect the culture, lifestyle, and economies of the communities that depend upon the Columbia/Snake River System's hydropower, navigation, irrigation, flood risk management, recreation, and municipal and industrial water supply benefits;

WHEREAS the proposed cost for removing the dams and replacing the infrastructure and business losses is greatly underestimated;

WHEREAS the only way to replace base load, carbon free power is with nuclear power;

WHEREAS solar and wind are not reliable base load sources of power and battery backup is not practical at this time or the near future;

WHEREAS the world's supply of lithium for lithium ion batteries is very limited and the United States has very limited lithium sources;

WHEREAS building a nuclear power plants in the region would likely result in endless lawsuits by environmental and conservation organizations would therefore completely stop construction;

WHEREAS dam breaching willfully ignores Idaho State Republican platform, Article 7, Energy;

WHEREAS there is no way the federal government can promise the funding that would be necessary to replace the lost infrastructure;

WHEREAS the "flick of a pen" by the President, can stop energy projects;

WHEREAS the lower Snake River dams currently provide "over 95% effective fish passage" and other streams, without dams, are present in the region;

WHEREAS there are many possible reasons for fish decline in the Snake River, including degraded ocean health caused by other countries;

WHEREAS after years of scientific research and billions of dollars, there is no conclusive scientific proof that such a drastic measure would even restore salmon runs in Idaho;

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WHEREAS a final environmental impact statement by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and Bonneville power was issued in July 2020 without recommending removal of the dams;

WHEREAS in December 2020, Idaho governor Brad Little's Salmon Workgroup, representing interest across-the-board, concluded its two-year collaborative effort without recommending dam removal;

WHEREAS removing the dams does not guarantee that future litigation will end, as purported by Idaho's 2nd Congressional District Congressman Michael K. Simpson, but rather, incentivizes future environmental litigation in this and other areas of natural resource development; and

WHEREAS spending billions of dollars to breach the dams is not only fiscally and environmentally irresponsible but is also total abandonment of Idaho citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee is adamantly opposed to breaching any of the dams on the Snake/Columbia Rivers and maintains no confidence in the 2nd Congressional District Congressman Michael K. Simpson or any elected official who does not act in the best interest of the citizens of the Great State of Idaho by defending against any effort to breach these dams.