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Title: Resolution Regarding Ranked Choice

Resolution #: 2023-3

Submitted by: Darr Moon

Passed by: IDGOP Chair Dorothy Moon on November 17, 2022

To be presented by: Theo Wold, Darr Moon

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party is committed to fair and honest elections, and

WHEREAS, the voting process of “one person, one vote” has proven to be the only fair method of voting and verifying elections, and

WHEREAS, since Idaho’s entrance into the Union, partisan primary elections have allowed fair election of one final candidate for each participating political party, and

WHEREAS, a ranked choice voting scheme effectively eliminate the fair and honest voting method of “one person, one vote,” and

WHEREAS, a ranked choice voting scheme effectively eliminates the balance of one primary winner from each participating political party on the primary ballot, and

WHEREAS, a ranked choice voting scheme effectively creates a complicated algorithm for tabulating votes, empowering bureaucrats rather than voters, and

WHEREAS, a ranked choice voting scheme can turn a voter’s preferred choice into a vote for a candidate they oppose, and

WHEREAS, a ranked choice voting scheme effectively creates an election results verification impossibility for election authorities since ranked choice tabulation at the precinct level is unworkable and lacks transparency, and

WHEREAS, ranked choice voting schemes are being funded by national liberal groups, including an election group headed by Obama Administration DOJ leader, Eric Holder, and

WHEREAS, ranked choice voting schemes, adopted in far-left jurisdictions in California, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Vermont, are an “electoral tool” of the Radical Left and

WHEREAS, conservative states like Florida, Tennessee, Missouri, and Texas have prohibited the use of ranked choice voting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party hereby opposes any proposals to establish a ranked choice voting scheme for federal, state, or local elections and, because “one person, one vote” is the best method to represent the will of Idaho voters, the Idaho Republican Party is further committed to upholding the longstanding method of voting by “one person, one vote” by amending the Idaho Constitution to declare “one person, one vote” as the only voting method permitted in Idaho.

Title: RESOLUTION regarding Minor Sex Reassignment

Resolution 2023-6

Submitted by: Betty “Jean” Mollenkopf-Moore

Passed by: State IDGOP Chair Dorothy Moon on. November 17, 2022

To be presented by: Blaine Conzatti

WHEREAS, biological sex is an objectively defined category that has obvious, immutable, and distinguishable characteristics;

WHEREAS, a small number of children struggle with gender dysphoria, a psychiatric disorder defined as significant distress with one’s biological sex and sexual characteristics;

WHEREAS, according to the DSM-V, gender dysphoria among children rarely persists into adulthood, with research revealing that as many as 98% of gender dysphoric boys and 88% of gender dysphoric girls ultimately identify with their biological sex after passing through puberty;

WHEREAS, some healthcare providers now routinely administer puberty blockers to prepubescent and pubescent children, notwithstanding scientific evidence that children who remain on puberty blockers may never recover lost development, and despite sterility and additional concerns about reduced IQ and future osteoporosis;

WHEREAS, some healthcare providers now routinely administer cross-sex hormones to pubescent children, notwithstanding scientific evidence that such therapies cause irreversible sterility likely increase risks of other medical conditions, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, blood clots, osteoporosis, and obesity;

WHEREAS, some healthcare providers now refer pubescent adolescents for sex reassignment surgeries, which permanently maim and mutilate healthy reproductive organs;

WHEREAS, the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (the international body that sets standards of care for treating gender dysphoria) has altogether removed its age recommendations for adolescent sex reassignment surgeries, including but not limited to surgical castration, mastectomies, hysterectomies and genital reconstruction;

WHEREAS, recent science suggests that medical interventions like surgeries and cross-sex hormones do not significantly improve long-term health outcomes for patients struggling with gender dysphoria;

WHEREAS, these experimental, irreversible, and medically unnecessary pharmaceutical and surgical interventions violate the Hippocratic Oath, taken by physicians for millennia, to “do no harm”;

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has a compelling government interest in protecting the health and safety of its citizens, especially minor children;

WHEREAS, Idaho state law has prohibited female genital mutilation since 2019;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Idaho State Republican Party affirm our support for legislation that would protect gender-confused minors from procuring puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex reassignment surgeries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the chairwoman of the Idaho State Republican Party directs the appointed legislative liaisons to communicate the position of the Party on this issue to fellow Republican members of the Idaho Legislature,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the chairwoman of the Idaho State Republican Party, or her designee, shall testify in favor of any legislative proposals seeking to codify this position in Idaho law.

Title: A Resolution asking for the practice of holding bills in the drawer by Committee Chairman, in the Idaho legislature, be stopped and every bill should be heard and voted on by committee. ~~to stop the practice of holding bills in the drawer by Committee Chairman, in the Idaho legislature.~~

Resolution #: 2023-28

Submitted by: Melanie Vander Feer, State Committeewoman

Passed by: IDGOP Chair Dorothy Moon on November 17, 2022

To be presented by: Melanie Vander Feer, State Committeewoman

WHEREAS the legislators are voted in by the people of Idaho and are expected to represent the people.

WHEREAS there is growing concern from the people that they are not being heard or represented by some committee chairman. representatives.

WHEREAS there are bills written that would benefit the Idaho people but these bills are held in the drawers by the committee chairman, never to be seen by committee members, so the people are not being represented, and this practice must be ended and every bill should be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all bills in committees must be heard and voted upon by such committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IDGOP send this resolution to all members of the Idaho Senate and House of Representatives.

Title: Resolution on War in Yemen - House Joint Resolution 87

Resolution #: 2023-10

Submitted by: Bjorn Handeen

Passed by: Kootenai County Republican Central Committee on June 28, 2022

To be presented by: Bjorn Handeen

WHEREAS, the terrorist organization known as Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) is among our nation's deadliest enemies; and,

WHEREAS, Saudi Arabia and Al-Qaeda work in concert to spread militant Sunni Islam through the Arabian peninsula, and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, the Iran-supported Shia rebels, a faction in Yemen's civil war loyal to former president Ali Abdullah Sales, are fighting against AQAP and their Saudi-backed militia allies; and,

WHEREAS, the Obama administration chose to get involved in this conflict on the Sunni side as a means to repair a strained relationship with Saudi Arabia; and,

WHEREAS, United States military involvement in this conflict includes providing weapons, assisting in targeting selection, and actively flying refueling missions; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Constitution, and reiterated by the War Powers Act of 1973, our armed forces are not to engage in foreign war unless authorized by Congress; and,

WHEREAS, Republican Representatives Thomas Massie, Andy Biggs, Matt Gaetz, and Paul Gosar have co-sponsored House Joint Resolution 87: Directing the removal of United States Armed Force from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the IDGOP ~~Kootenai County Republican Central Committee~~ urges Representative Russ Fulcher to co-sponsor House Joint Resolution 87: Directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the IDGOP ~~Kootenai County Republican Central Committee~~ urges Senators Jim Risch and Mike Crapo to do everything in their power to withdraw our military from the ill-advised foreign entanglement in Yemen.

Title: Resolution Regarding Idaho Farming and Global Food Shortages

Resolution #: 2023-9

Submitted by: Janelle Covington

Passed by: Canyon County Republican Central Committee - November 15, 2022

To be presented by: Janelle Covington

WHEREAS, the Netherlands ordered the reduction in nitrogen emissions by 50 percent by 2030 thereby requiring drastic reductions in cattle and other livestock herds which forced farmers to cut back on the production of beef, pork, poultry, and dairy food for human consumption and which is expected to reduce the number of farms in Holland by 33%, and which has resulted in protests by nearly 40,000 Dutch farmers including street blockades on tractors, trucks, and other vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Trudeau government of Canada unveiled their climate plan, which sets to reduce nitrous oxide emissions from fertilizer by 30% by 2030 and total greenhouse gas emissions by 40-45% by 2030, and

WHEREAS, in January 2019 the World Economic Forum published a white paper entitled “Meat: The Future Series, Alternative Proteins” wherein it advocated for the “transformation of the food system” including the consumption of insects, algae, and synthetic meat alternatives which it said is “essential to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and to meet the Paris Agreement climate-change targets”, and

WHEREAS, CNN and other Democrat outlets in the United States have promoted the eating of bugs and insects on live broadcast by eating said insects, and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2022, President Joseph R. Biden publicly stated that there will be “real” food shortages in The United States and Europe, and

BE IT RESOLVED, the IDGOP recommends to the Idaho Government will not comply with orders from The Federal Government to reduce or limit the farming of Idaho livestock for any reason, including in the name of climate change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the IDGOP recommends to the Idaho Government will do everything in its power to promote Idaho farming of livestock and to ensure Idahoans are able to purchase beef, pork, chicken, and other meats produced by Idaho farmers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the IDGOP recommends to the Idaho Government will not spend any taxpayer dollars to promote the consumption of insects, algae, or synthetic/alternative meats by Idahoans or the production of synthetic meats; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the IDGOP recommends to the Idaho Government will never place a limit on the meat consumption of Idahoans.

Title: Protect Life Resolution

Resolution #: 2023-13

Submitted by: Kelly Porter

Passed by: Bonneville County Republican Central Committee, 13 October 2022

To be presented by: Nick Contos, Bonneville County Chair; Bryan Smith, Bonneville County State Committeeman; Lisa Keller, Bonneville County State Committeewoman; Andrew Russell, Bonneville County Youth Committeeman; Jilene Burger, Legislative District 33 Chairwomen; Doyle Beck, Legislative District 32 Chairman; or Doug Toomer, Legislative District 35 Chairman.

WHEREAS our Republican State Legislature and Governor have done an admirable job in preparing the way to protect the precious lives of Idaho’s preborn citizens with enactment of the Trigger Law (IC 18-622); and

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Party is equally concerned about the lives and well-being of Idaho women and babies;

WHEREAS legalized abortion has victimized babies and mothers who will continue to face pressures to seek an abortion other states, including neighboring states of Washington, Oregon, and Nevada, where abortion remains legal;

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party calls upon the Governor and Legislature to review current adoption laws with a goal of making adoption more readily available to Idaho families, to provide support for Crisis Pregnancy Centers and non-profit organizations designed to help pregnant mothers and babies, and to review the operations of the Department of Health & Welfare with the goal to provide appropriate support services for pregnant mothers in crisis.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Idaho State Republican Party calls upon the Governor and Legislature to resist any and all attempts to remove the safeguards provided to women and girls in Idaho Code 18-622.

Title: RESOLUTION OF THE MINIDOKA COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE REGARDING Adoption and Support of Life After Birth

Resolution #: 2023-33

Submitted by Krystal Young

Passed by: APPROVED AND ADOPTED by Minidoka Central Committee this 10 day of November 2022.

Presented by: Jennie Bateman, Emma Jean Hansen, Jared Orton, Robert Griffin, Rebecca Tateoka, Krystal Young

WHEREAS, the Republican party is also know as the Pro-Life Party; and

WHEREAS, On June 24, 2022 the Supreme Court of the United States overturned the ruling on Roe vs. Wade. Returning “the issue of abortion back to the peoples elected.” (1); and

WHEREAS, we affirm, that all human persons are endowed with the right to life; and

WHEREAS, we believe human life begins at conception and is protected by the unalienable rights endowed by our Creator along with the fundamental right to life and shall not be infringed upon, and as the Idaho Republican platform states, “We reaffirm our support for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death...”; and

WHEREAS, On August 27, the Idaho HB 366 was signed into law by the Governor. Governor Little stated that, “Idaho is a state that values the most innocent of all lives – the lives of babies. We should never relent in our efforts to protect the lives of the preborn. Hundreds and hundreds of babies lose their lives every year in Idaho due to abortion, an absolute tragedy. I appreciate Idaho lawmakers for continuing to protect lives by passing this important legislation, and I am proud to sign the bill into law today,”(2); and

WHEREAS, opportunity to love and raise a child, if the mother chooses adoption.”(3); and **WHEREAS**, there are some who claim that we only care about life in the womb and do not care about life after birth; and

WHEREAS, we believe that being pro-life does not end at the birth of a baby but is just the beginning and we support life until natural death; and

WHEREAS, there are hundreds of families, individuals, churches, and organizations that are seeking to or are currently offering resources to new mothers, unmarried and married, as well as young couples and families to help them preserve the sanctity of life, from conception to birth and beyond through all of life; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that the Idaho Republican Party, “strongly encourages adoption as an alternative to abortion and support legislation that expands opportunities and provides assistance to the adoptive process.”(4); and

WHEREAS, “There are no national statistics on how many people are waiting to adopt, but experts estimate it is somewhere between one and two million couples.”(5); and

WHEREAS, although there are many successful adoptions, the adoption process can be long, difficult, heart wrenching, and expensive. Many people who have been in the adoption process spend a large amount of money, time, and ultimately end with heartbreak never having a child placed in their home; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that traditional family values are the foundation of our nation and that many of the ills of society can be attributed to the breakdown of the family. We believe the traditional family to be the basic unit of society and that it is an important role of the people to support those who choose to have family as well as those who choose to place their child for adoption and to also provide good and fair opportunity as well as affordable options for those who choose to adopt a child; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Central Committee of Minidoka County believes that it is important now more than ever to affirm and preserve the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death and to live out that belief in individual actions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this is the position of the Republican Central Committee of Minidoka County, “As wondrous as August 25th is – the work of the pro- Life community has just begun. We must diligently and patiently work to persuade our neighbors that the Abortion Ban is the correct policy for Idaho. We must show our neighbors that Life is a better answer to our problems than Death. We must open our hearts to those moms and babies and welcome them into our homes and communities.”(6): and-

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we strongly encourage all citizens to find opportunity to support life in any way they can from conception to beyond birth. To support the efforts of pro-life organizations and to share resources with those in need, to help preserve the sanctity of life: and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Central Committee of Minidoka County encourages Idaho legislators to support legislation that would make it easier for churches, individuals, pregnancy centers, non-profit groups, shelters, and the like to offer services that would help new moms, as well as adoptive families to choose life and offer resources to help them develop skills and personal responsibility to thrive in Idaho Communities: and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Central Committee of Minidoka County encourages Idaho legislators to support legislation in keeping with this great republic that would seek to make adoption easier and more affordable: and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Central Committee of Minidoka County strongly encourage Idaho legislators to support legislation that would support and encourage the work of pro-life organizations, individuals, and families as they seek to protect and support life.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of November 2022.

Signed by Jennie Bateman, Chairman and Brandi Bourn, Secretary

Works cited:

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- (3) <https://gov.idaho.gov/pressrelease/gov-little-signs-fetal-heartbeat-bill-into-law-protecting-the-lives-of-the-preborn/>
- (4) 2022-24-Idaho-Republican-Party-Platform-1.pdf
- (5) <https://adoptionnetwork.com/adoption-myths-facts/domestic-us-statistics/>
- (6) <https://idahochoosesthe.org/blog/terrible-era-comes-to-an-end/>

Title: Resolution Supporting Patient Advocacy Legislation

Resolution #: 2023-15

Submitted by: Jana Darrington

Passed by: Cassia County Republican Central Committee, 3 November 2022

To be presented by: Jana Darrington, Melissa Brown, Clay Handy

WHEREAS, regressive medical facility administrative policies and practices in recent years have revealed a need for protections and clear definition in Idaho law and administrative rules regarding patient care safety and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho legislature delegated dictation of patient rights in Idaho code section 39-1307, to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare referred to in IDAPA 16.03.14 page 18 and 20, where declared guidelines on patient advocacy are absent and the terms “patient advocate” and the current stated term “patient representative” are not defined.

WHEREAS, medical facilities denial of access for visitors, caregivers, representatives, and advocates has created an increased burden on medical staff, diverting valuable time and resources meant for patient care to advocate capable tasks; and

WHEREAS, that burden on medical staff is compounded by the loss of assistance when a caregiver, parent, sibling, spouse, or friend is not permitted to be present; including but not limited to informing staff of critical medical information, keeping a watchful eye on the patient, assisting in tasks like bathing and bathroom trips, making sure the patient receives adequate nutrition and fluids, or providing mental and emotional support; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, due to prohibited accompaniment of their spouse and advocate into an Idaho medical facility, the crucial medical history of a patient was not communicated leading to misdiagnoses and lack of time sensitive emergent care resulting in the death of a young adult and constituent of Legislative District 27 despite hours of the advocate exhausting all efforts to relay life-saving information to the medical professionals treating the patient; and

WHEREAS, in September 2021, a patient was admitted to an Idaho medical facility for a respiratory illness. After two days of being admitted, the patient was denied visitors and his present advocating family member. The proceeding two weeks resulted in isolation, absence of bathing, a charting error that instructed removal of all food and liquids, the patient, who was having trouble breathing and speaking, having to order his own food that arrived hours late and cold, stale air with no ventilation, oxygen humidifier running dry causing blisters and nose bleeds, and a response time to help calls being an average of an hour wait. Only when it was believed that he was at the end of life, was his spouse permitted to visit for his last moments. He was then released on palliative care to another facility where he was allowed visitors, advocacy, open windows, frequent nurse care, as well as previously denied treatments, resulting in recovery and release from the transferred facility two weeks later; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, a patient’s loved one and advocate was not allowed to leave the patient’s room in an Idaho medical facility for 4 days, while staff could come and go for their shifts; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 a young adult was admitted with a complex medical condition to an Idaho medical facility and was only allowed accompaniment of the patient’s family member and advocate during visiting hours. It was only through cell phone use that the patient was able to communicate with family when he was in need of critical advocacy intervention; and

WHEREAS overburdened staff and the absence of a patient’s advocating loved one results in an increased risk of harm and error in patient safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown patient support and a present advocate increases survival and recovery rates. Such as “research published in December 2018 in The BMJ [which found] that a program including parents as active participants in pediatric unit rounds at eight hospitals reduced preventable adverse events by 38%,” and

WHEREAS, “a patient-centered, thoughtful, and nuanced approach to hospital visitor policies is likely to benefit all stakeholders while minimizing potential harms”; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican Party urges the Idaho State Legislature to support legislation to be brought forth to clearly define patient advocacy and its protection for patients and their right to advocacy in Idaho law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate state legislative committees, in their Omnibus rule making, examine state agency/administrative rules and update protections clearly defining patient advocacy particularly in reference to protections for patients and their right to an advocating loved one; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the parameters providing patient advocacy shall apply to any entity that accepts, receives, or uses public monies, including but not limited to, grants, urban renewal, tax relief, or state tax monies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these protections include;

- A clear definition of Patient Advocate
 - Include the right for the family or patient to designate that patient advocate
 - That medical facility administrative policy shall not hinder patient advocacy
 - That the facility provide a notary in a timely manner when needed
 - The ability for advocates to rotate shifts
 - Allowance for the advocate to come and go, just as medical staff does or be allowed to receive necessities
 - That in the case of being momentarily absent, that the advocate be notified of patient developments, crisis, or emergencies as soon as is practically possible
 - The medical providers shall notify the patient and accompanying family or friend the right to advocacy immediately upon arrival,
 - Provide all documents for viewing and signing related to advocacy at the time of admission and on their website
 - Post information informing of patient advocacy in all public entrances; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these protections be continuous including through any future extreme state emergency.

https://www.ntd.com/victims-of-pandemic-policy-law_846171.html (@1:40:00)

<https://www.healthleadersmedia.com/finance/happy-patient-happy-hospital-increase-patient-engagement-advocates> (statistics)

[https://www.amjmed.com/article/S0002-9343\(22\)00338-2/fulltext](https://www.amjmed.com/article/S0002-9343(22)00338-2/fulltext) (The American Journal of Medicine)

<https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/16/160314.pdf> (IDAPA)

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title39/T39CH13/SECT39-1307/> (state statute)

Title: Idaho Constitutional Money

Resolution #: 2023-1

Submitted by: Daniel and Kathy Rose

Passed by: BCRCC on the 18th day of October, 2022

To be presented by: Daniel Rose, Cornel Rasor, Scott Herndon, Daniel Vaniman

WHEREAS, the Idaho Constitution, Article VII, Section 15: LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE SYSTEM OF COUNTY FINANCE. The legislature shall provide by law, such a system of county finance, as shall cause the business of the several counties to be conducted on a cash basis...,” and

WHEREAS, IDGOP Platform, Article I, Section 4: SOUND CURRENCY. (B) We believe the Federal Reserve Bank should be abolished and the issuing power restored to the people with the stipulation that the U.S. dollar be backed by gold and silver. (C) We believe Idahoans need to protect their savings from the ravages of inflation, which is hidden taxation, and encourage citizens to participate in a systematic acquisition of precious metals which represent real value as opposed to paper currencies, and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2022, the Biden administration released an Executive Order (EO #14067); which directs several federal agencies, including the Treasury Department, to study the development of a new central bank digital currency (CBDC) and to produce a report within 180 days, discussing the potential risks and benefits of a digital dollar. Further, EO #14067 directs the Treasury Department, Office of the Attorney General and Federal Reserve to work together to produce a “legislative proposal” to create a digital currency within 210 days, FN 1. This effort prioritizes U.S. participation in a multi-country experimentation, and ensures U.S. leadership internationally to promote CBDC development that is consistent with U.S. priorities and democratic values, FN 2, and

WHEREAS, Sheila Warren, former head of data, block-chain and digital assets at the World Economic Forum, exploring central bank digital currencies says there is “a very tight window” to pass the “Digital Commodities Consumer Protection Act,” crypto Senate Bill 4760, given the possible change in leadership following the 2022 midterm elections, FN 3, and

WHEREAS, testimony on the bill [S.4760] was heard on September 15, 2022 by the previous and potential new U.S. Senate Banking Committee Chairman, Mike Crapo , FN 4, and

WHEREAS, in July 2022, the International Monetary Fund, identified that Ecuador and the Philippines cancelled, while 100 countries continue developing their central bank digital currency (CBDC), FN 5, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. today has four distinct legal tender currency standards: Gold, Silver, Platinum and Federal Reserve Note (“paper”) dollars (31 U.S.C. §§ 5103 & 5112), FN 6.

WHEREAS, since May 2017, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma and Utah have maintained laws expressly recognizing gold and silver coin as legal tender. SCOTUS recognized in Lane County v. Oregon, 74 U. S. 71 (1868) that in the performance of its “essential functions” a State possesses broad powers to specify acceptable tender for the payment of taxes, FN 7, and

WHEREAS, the Idaho House has approved a 2018 House Bill 449 (monetized bullion) by a 60-9 vote, it remains necessary for the 2023 Idaho legislature to reconsider monetized bullion, and

WHEREAS, Bank of International Settlements General Manager and Mexican Economist Agustin Carstens states boldly, CBDC’s will have "absolute technological control" over your personal spending. FN 8, and

WHEREAS, Economist and Bush Advisor, Dr. Pippa Malmgren stated at the World Government Summit March 2022, “the CBDC, is an almost perfect record of all transactions, the new money will be sovereign in nature through superpowers, China first and then the U.S. and Europe as well,” FN 9

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Legislative District 1 encourage all elected state representatives, senators to draft and/or support a Constitutional currency/legal tender code in the 2023 legislative session, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, Legislative District 1 insist that all elected federal representatives, senators vote to oppose any Central Bank Digital Currency creation and Implementation.

ADOPTED this 29th day of September, 2022

LD1 Chairman – Cornel Rasor

LD1 Secretary – Elena Quinn

FN 1: <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/executive-order-14067-ensuring-responsible-development-digital-assets>

FN 2: <https://leadstories.com/hoax-alert/2022/08/fact-check-there-is-no-plan-to-launch-us-central-bank-digital-currency-in-december-2022.html>

FN 3: <https://cointelegraph.com/news/crypto-bill-needs-clarification-on-digital-commodity-sheila-warren>

FN 4: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4760/all-actions?overview=closed#tabs>

FN 5: <https://cbdctracker.org/>

FN 6: <https://upma.org/resources/gold-and-silver-dollars>

FN 7: <https://upma.org/resources/state-legal-tender-laws>

FN 8: <https://twitter.com/SovMichael/status/1569264243299549184>

FN 9: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvXdSvja-aI>

Title: Idaho Water and Sovereignty Joint Resolution

Resolution #: 2023-2

Submitted by: Brian Merrell

Passed by: Owyhee County Republican Central Committee on 10/04/2022; Legislative District 23 on 11/17/2022

To be presented by: Tammy Payne, Chair Owyhee County

WHEREAS, on the 2nd of June of 2022, the United States Department of Justice sued the state of Idaho, U.S. v. Idaho, (Case 1:22-cv-00236-DKG),¹ on behalf of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service. The complaint contends that Idaho's stockwater forfeiture procedure violates the U.S. Constitution's supremacy clause. It claims that federal law takes precedence over state law.

WHEREAS, if the Justice Department succeeds in setting precedence establishing U.S. supremacy over governance of Idaho's water-Idaho's sovereignty, Idaho ranchers' livelihood, and Idaho's right to govern ourselves is in jeopardy.

WHEREAS, "Congress passed the Desert Land Act of March 3, 1877, ch. 107, §1, 19 Stat. 377, 43 U.S.C. 321 as amended, which, according to this Court, "effected a severance of all waters upon the public domain, not heretofore appropriated, from the land itself." California Oregon Power Co. v. Beaver Portland Cement Co., 295 U.S. 142, 158, 55 S.Ct. 725, 79 L.Ed. 1356 (1935). Concluding, the Court said: We hold that following the Act of 1877, if not before, all non-navigable waters then a part of the public domain became publici juris, subject to the plenary control of the designated states, . . . with the rights in each (state) [sic] to determine for itself to what extent the rule of appropriation or the common law rule in respect to riparian rights should obtain. For since "Congress cannot enforce either rule upon any state, Kansas v. Colorado, 206 U.S. 46, 94, the full power of choice must remain with the state."(Id., [sic] 295 U.S. at 164)."²

WHEREAS, Ickes v. Fox, 300 U.S. 82, 95 (1937), stated, "While the basics of the doctrine of prior appropriation is the same from state to state, the doctrine has evolved to meet the specific needs of each state and thus differs among the western states. Congress understood this fact and that is why the laws concerning appropriation were left up to each individual state." Idaho Dept. of Water Resources v. U.S., 122 Idaho 116, 124, 832 P.2d 289, 297 (1992).

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that Congress did not reserve stockwater rights to the federal government on National Forests. Instead, those rights are subject to state law, even if the water is on land allotments on which the federal government has issued grazing permits. U.S. v. New Mexico, (438 U.S. 696, 700, 1978), confirmed the supremacy of state water laws, including stockwater allocations.

WHEREAS, "twenty (20) years ago, in an obscure process, the state of Idaho determined that the federal government had thousands of rights to stockwater (water for livestock consumption) on federal land in Idaho. The federal government received many of these stockwater rights because those who would be affected by such a decree did not know how the federal government's claims over water would affect them and their grazing allotments, or did not understand the need to have legal representation to object." 1

WHEREAS, in 2007, Joyce v. U.S., 44 Idaho 1, 156 P. 3d 502 (Idaho 2007), and a companion case LU Ranching Company v. U.S., 156 P.3d 590 (Idaho 2007), won against the federal government, upholding the ranchers' claims to instream water rights on federal range land for watering livestock. Affirming Idaho's law, which states stockwater rights must be put to "beneficial" use, or be forfeited. The ruling further affirmed that the federal government is not exempt from

Idaho's beneficial use law. The Idaho Supreme Court also ruled that in order for anyone to put the stockwater to beneficial use, including the federal government, they must water their own livestock or that of their "agents."

WHEREAS, under the United States Supreme Court's ruling, U.S. v. New Mexico (1978) and the Idaho Supreme Court's decisions Joyce v. U.S. (2007) and LU Ranching Co. v. U.S. (2007) -- Idaho is within its authority to declare the federal government's water rights forfeited under state law.

WHEREAS, the preamble of the Idaho Republican Platform, contains the following statements: "We believe Idahoans must protect the principles and values that have made us strong."

WHEREAS, "We believe that our Founding Fathers gave us a government that is a servant of the people, not our master."

WHEREAS, "We believe the most effective, responsible, responsive government is government closest to the people, and the sovereignty of the state must be protected. That government is best that governs least. We believe Idahoans must protect the principles and values that have made us strong."

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Platform, ARTICLE IV. AGRICULTURE states: The Idaho Republican Party believes a strong and viable agricultural industry is one of the most important cornerstones in the foundation of our state, national, and global economy and security.

Section 3: We recognize that water is vital to Idaho agriculture and other industries. We believe modification of Idaho's historic water laws must be considered with extreme caution. The federal government shall not infringe upon state jurisdiction over Idaho water.

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Platform, ARTICLE V. WATER states: The Idaho Republican Party recognizes the critical importance of water to this state. We will aggressively defend Idaho's right to appropriate and manage water within its own borders without interference from the federal government.

Section 2: We encourage policies that will more fully use and develop our water while supporting the Idaho state law of prior appropriation, based on the principle of "first in time is first in right" for the benefit of all Idahoans.

Section 7: We support all legal opposition to any and all efforts to usurp Idaho's sovereignty over water within Idaho borders. Further, we support the Attorney General in defending the state's position on these and all other water issues, and support the State Legislature in continuing to adequately fund the Idaho Constitutional Defense Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee and Legislative District 23 Central Committee respectfully requests the Idaho Republican Party forward this resolution to the Governor and each Idaho State Legislator before the end of January, 2023, requesting that each branch enlist every resource and means available to thwart this lawsuit and attempt to usurp Idaho's sovereign water rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee and Legislative District 23 Central Committee respectfully requests that the Idaho Republican Party call upon Senator Mike Crapo, Senator James Risch, Congressman Mike Simpson and Congressman Russ Fulcher to request the U.S. Department of Justice to withdraw

their lawsuit against Idaho, and, to take any legislative actions available to them to protect the state of Idaho's sovereignty, Idaho's water rights, and the principle of "first in time is first in right" for the benefit of all Idahoans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee and Legislative District 23 Central Committee respectfully requests that the Idaho Republican Party call upon Senator Mike Crapo, Senator James Risch, Congressman Mike Simpson and Congressman Russ Fulcher to initiate the impeachment of Merrick Garland, U.S. Attorney General, for committing "high crimes and misdemeanors", as he has posed a direct threat to Idahoans' well-being and the life sustaining water used for food production, a cornerstone of Idaho's economy and considered crucial to national security. Furthermore, Attorney General Garland's actions are evidence of a clear violation of the Tenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and deemed as a hostile attack on Idaho's sovereignty.

1. <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/legal/1-22-cv-00236-DKG/1-22-cv-00236-20220602-Complaint-for-Declaratory-and-Injunctive-Relief.pdf>
2. Page 2, <https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=https://www.google.com/&httpsredir=1&article=2791&context=nrj>
3. Mountain States Legal Foundation (2022), <https://mslegal.org/cases/us-v-idaho/>

Title: A Resolution Calling for an Investigation into the State of Idaho Covid Response

Resolution #: 2023-27

Submitted by: Nick Woods

Passed by: Nez Perce County Republican Central Committee on November 17, 2022

To be presented by: Nick Woods

WHEREAS the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is tasked with protecting public health; and,

WHEREAS it has promoted the new class of vaccine related to Covid as safe, effective, and rigorously tested; and,

WHEREAS this was an emergency use vaccine, precisely because it was not rigorously tested and could not be proven to be safe or effective; and,

WHEREAS the Idaho Department of Public Health had access to the vaccine adverse event recording system, evidence that indicated there were severe problems with this vaccine; and,

WHEREAS the Department and State of Idaho used public monies to promote this vaccine,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IDGOP state central committee call for a full investigation to take place and those responsible for this dangerous and reckless decision be held accountable; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IDGOP state central committee call for the Idaho Legislature to define and reduce the scope of responsibilities, the authorization, and the funding of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Title: Resolution in Support of Practices to Improve Voter Confidence

Resolution #: 2023-11

Submitted by: Linda Yergler

Passed by: Shoshone County Republican Central Committee on November 15, 2022

To be presented by: Nina Beesley LD 3 Chair and Dan Bell Kootenai Youth Chair

WHEREAS, Fair and honest elections are a foundational element of our Republican form of government; and

WHEREAS, recent events have exposed weaknesses and vulnerabilities in our current election laws and practices; and

WHEREAS, on January 2nd, 2021 the Citizens Committee for Election Integrity convened with the mission to “concisely articulate the minimum standards for free, fair, and honest elections”; and

WHEREAS, the committee was successful in producing Minimum Standards for Fair and Honest Elections (copy attached) and having those standards be incorporated into the Congressional Record; and

WHEREAS, confidence in our election systems is at an all-time low; and

WHEREAS, the consideration of amendments to Idaho’s election laws to improve voter confidence are timely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee asks the Idaho GOP Chairman to direct the Idaho GOP Legislative Liaisons to encourage our Republican legislators to draft, promote and support legislation to improve voter confidence including but not limited to; improving voter identification requirements, limiting the use of the Absentee Ballot to situations of need and not just convenience, implementing redundant but independent ballot tabulation systems, and other measures outlined in the standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Liaisons encourage the legislators to use the Minimum Standards for Fair and Honest Elections as a guide.

Minimum Standards for Fair and Honest Elections

Our Constitutionally guaranteed republican form of government relies on free, fair, and honest elections to select our representatives and leaders. The standards listed here shall be used by our local, state and federal legislators as a metric for reviewing and revising election law to ensure free, fair, and honest elections where the outcome is accepted by all citizens of good will.

1. All voting processes, other than those needed to preserve the privacy of a citizen's vote, must be open and available for direct observation, with no minimum distance requirements, and audit by agents of the candidates or parties.
2. All election materials must have a secure chain of custody at all times. Election officials must be accompanied by observers when accessing any election materials. Records of the chain of custody shall be complete and available for audit.
3. All votes, regardless of voting method, shall be held to equal standards.
4. Voters shall only be qualified electors that are able to verifiably provide their government issued photo identity before being issued a ballot. Voters who provide false information, including information of voter qualification, should face severe penalties.
5. As a condition of being issued a ballot, the voter's identity and signature must be recorded in a permanent record (Poll Book).
6. Original Ballots must have a physical form that allows voting choices to be examined and properly interpreted by the naked eye .
7. Ballots must have features designed to prevent counterfeiting.
8. An auditable system for tracking the status of all ballots must be implemented and maintained in the State of origin. The total number of printed ballots must equal the sum of the number of cast ballots, spoiled ballots, and unvoted ballots.
9. Ballot tabulation must be conducted by two independent and unrelated systems. The difference in totals between the two systems must be less than one half the margin of victory or 0.1% of the vote total, whichever is less. Tabulating machines must only tabulate and not modify ballots in any way, or be connected to the internet.

10. Before the results of an election can be certified, the ballot counts must be reconciled with the voter records. The margin of uncertainty must be less than one half the margin of victory or 0.1% of the vote total, whichever is less.
11. Lists of qualified electors must be purged of unqualified persons 180 days before an election. Voter Rolls should be vetted and compared with available government records to identify duplicate or ineligible registrations.
12. Laws and regulations governing an election may not be changed for 180 days prior to that election.
13. All election records should be retained and preserved for not less than 22 months.
14. Voter identification for provisional ballots must be verified, with information provided by the voter, prior to that ballot being counted.

The above standards were adopted on January 2nd 2021 by unanimous vote of the committee.

Committee Delegates

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Title: Opposition to a four lane freeway in the Island Park Caldera

Resolution 2023-22

Submitted by: Terry DeLong

Passed by: Fremont County Republican Central Committee on November 16, 2022

To be presented by: Terry DeLong, Fremont County

WHEREAS the Idaho Republican Central Committee adamantly opposes a four-lane, high-speed, limited access freeway in the Island Park Caldera; and

WHEREAS the Island Park Caldera is an extremely sensitive ecological due to its high elevation and northern latitude; and

WHEREAS numerous wetlands will be damaged or destroyed during construction; and

WHEREAS the construction of up to five bridges will endanger the ecology of the pristine streams that feed the Snake River; and

WHEREAS the construction of new bridges could compromise the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Fishery; and

WHEREAS the Island Park Caldera is a scenic recreational area; and

WHEREAS recreational crossings and access will be reduced and compromised along the freeway; and

WHEREAS access to the Targhee Forest will be compromised, and

WHEREAS a large open pit aggregate mine will be required, which could lead to groundwater contamination and forestland damage, and

WHEREAS an extremely expensive Environmental Impact Statement will be required, and Whereas costly lawsuits are anticipated, and

WHEREAS a four-lane freeway will impact wildlife movement; and

WHEREAS a four-lane, high-speed freeway will increase the incidence of wildlife-vehicle collisions; and

WHEREAS 4 of 5 Fremont County voters opposed wildlife overpasses, underpasses, and fencing in an advisory vote, and

WHEREAS the Idaho Legislature passed a Legislative Memorial opposing wildlife overpasses, underpasses, and fencing on U.S. 20 in Fremont County; and

WHEREAS private and business access will be reduced along the freeway; and

WHEREAS a four-lane freeway could compromise the Harriman State Park deed; and

WHEREAS the currently used traffic study is woefully inadequate and outdated, and

WHEREAS the purpose and need statements are not qualified and do not address the purpose and need for the highway segment upgrade; and

WHEREAS the primary purpose of this highway segment is to serve Montana freight transport and Yellowstone National Park/West Yellowstone, Montana, and

WHEREAS the benefit of a four-lane freeway in the Island Park Caldera is minimal to Idaho and the citizens of Idaho, and

WHEREAS, the accident rate on U.S. Highway 20 in the Island Park Caldera is below average for a road of this type in Idaho, and about one-third of the national average; and

WHEREAS ITD (Idaho Transportation Department) may have to purchase private land and invoke eminent domain to take the land; and

WHEREAS ITD will require the acquisition of new forestland right of way, necessitating the creation of a new Targhee Forest Management Plan; and

WHEREAS new frontage roads will affect the road density allowed on the Targhee National Forest, requiring a forest plan revision; and

WHEREAS the “Longest Main Street In America,” a unique historical recognition, would cease to exist;

WHEREAS the City of Island Park would be physically divided by a four-lane freeway; and

WHEREAS the footprint of an expansive four-lane freeway may require expanding the right of way on both sides of the existing highway and will potentially destroy the existence of The City of Island Park; and

WHEREAS the historical features of the Island Park Caldera will be compromised or destroyed, and

WHEREAS, U.S. 20, Ashton, Idaho to State Highway 87, has a higher traffic volume of about 5% of the hours in a year, and

WHEREAS ITD estimates the cost of the four land freeways at \$700,000,000 in 2021 dollars; and

WHEREAS the community of Island Park does not support a four-lane freeway; and

WHEREAS the community supports building more passing lanes (Super 2 concept) on the existing road; and

WHEREAS a Super 2 design concept reduces accidents by 45%; and

WHEREAS the current safety pull-out along the existing highway will be removed, and Whereas a Super 2 design would cost about \$100M in 2020 dollars; and

WHEREAS studies performed by the Idaho Transportation Department show that a Super 2 highway design meets the required level of service for at least 20+ years into the future, and

WHEREAS the City of Island Park, as Idaho knows it, would be lost forever;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Central Committee expresses opposition to the construction of a four-lane, high-speed, limited access freeway in Fremont County through the Island Park Caldera and supports the construction of the Super 2 highway proposed by the community.

Title: Resolution Regarding Abortion

Resolution #: 2023-12

Submitted by: McCord Larsen

Passed by: Cassia County Republican Central Committee, 3 November 2022

To be presented by: McCord Larsen

WHEREAS, the Republican Party believes in individual responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Nation is in turmoil regarding opinions regarding the value of Human Life; and

WHEREAS, we affirm the sanctity of Human Life; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican Party does hereby state as its position regarding Abortion:

The Lord commanded, "Thou shalt not ... kill, nor do anything like unto it".

We oppose elective abortion for personal or social convenience.

Individuals must not submit to, perform, arrange for, pay for, consent to, or encourage an abortion.

The only possible exceptions are when:

- ~~Pregnancy resulted from forcible rape or incest.~~
- ~~A licensed physician determines that the life or health of the mother is in serious jeopardy.~~

~~Even these exceptions do not automatically justify abortion. Abortion is a most serious matter. It should be considered only after the persons responsible have received confirmation.~~

Title: A resolution supporting Idaho's "Trigger Law" definition of "abortion"

Resolution 2023-20

Submitted by: Christin Clark

Authored by: Dennis Mansfield, Candidate for Senate - Legislative District 16

Passed by: Caribou County Republican Central Committee (unanimously) – November 13, 2022

To be presented by: Dennis Mansfield

WHEREAS the Supreme Court's ruling in "Dobbs v. Jackson" decision rightfully returned the power to protect the lives of preborn children to the states;

WHEREAS our Republican State Legislature and Governor are to be commended for their leadership and foresight in enacting Idaho's "Trigger Law" (IC 18-622) in 2020;

WHEREAS Idaho's history with a "Trigger Law" dates back to weeks after 1973's Roe v. Wade decision and that version of the "Trigger Law" made exemptions for the life of the mother; and **WHEREAS** Idaho's commitment to having restrictive abortion laws continued with Senate Bill 625 in 1990, which passed both the Idaho House and Senate, and would have banned abortion except for non-statutory rape reported within seven days, incest involving victims under 18 and a threat to the life of the mother;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee hereby reiterates its support for Idaho's "Trigger Law" (IC 18-622), which affirms the sanctity and inherent value of all human life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee calls upon the next Legislature and Governor to expand and enact programs to assist, by all practical means, in the care and protection of mothers and babies so that women may be free to choose Life and Idaho may finally see an end to the scourge of abortion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee petitions the Governor and Legislature to conduct a thorough review of adoption laws, to offer support for Crisis Pregnancy Centers and to reorganize the operations of the Department of Health & Welfare to provide 24-hour support services for mothers in need;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED HEREBY ~~that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee calls upon the Governor and Legislature to resist any and all attempts to remove the compassionate safeguards afforded to women and girls in Idaho Code 18-622.~~ The Chair of the Idaho State Republican Central Committee shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Party's Legislative Liaison's, Idaho's Governor, Senate President Pro Tempore, and Speaker of the House.