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2025-34	Resolution to Restore the Idaho State Presidential Primary in March	Adopted with amendments at general session
2025-35	Hearing Safety Protection Act	Adopted
2025-37	Resolution on Tobacco Taxation in the State of Idaho	Failed - Minority Report adopted at General Session
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Resolution: 2025-34

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

Submitted by: Dan Schoenberg, Latah County Committeeman

Passed by: Latah County Central Committee January 28, 2025

Presented by: Dan Schoenberg, Latah County

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

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

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

WHEREAS, conducting a party caucus often results in lower voter turnout and restricts participation to a smaller, less representative segment of the electorate, while a primary election provides a more straightforward, transparent, and equitable process for all Idaho Voters, regardless of location or personal circumstances; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Republican Party's need to move to a caucus system has led to significant logistical and financial challenges, including issues with ensuring fair representation of eligible Idaho Republican voters and securing sufficient participation across the state; and,

WHEREAS, restoring a Presidential Primary would be a cost-effective and efficient method for selecting delegates, enabling the party to focus on building unity and preparing for the general election, rather than spending considerable time and resources organizing multiple caucus events across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee hereby urges the restoration of the March Presidential Primary in Idaho; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee recommends the Idaho State Legislature take steps to ensure the proper funding, scheduling, and administration of a fair, transparent, and inclusive March Presidential Primary system in Idaho; and,

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

Resolution 2025-35
Title: Hearing Safety Protection Act

Submitted by: Becky Loomis, Latah County Committeewoman

Passed by: Latah County Central Committee April 22, 2025

Presented by: Becky Loomis, Latah County

WHEREAS, it is medically proven that people who are exposed to loud noises should wear hearing protection. It is also medically proven that exposure to loud noises can lead to hearing loss. For this reason OSHA established hearing protection standards; and,

WHEREAS, Frank Larkin father of Ryan Larkin a Navy Seal who committed suicide donated his son's body for research. Numerous research efforts attempted to identify the changes in the brain of military service members who were involved in explosions. Although Ryan was not involved in a roadside bomb or other explosions it identified multiple scarring on the brain, referred to Microscopic brain scars, detected with new MRI technology; and,

WHEREAS, the study determined that even repeated low level shots of a weapon can impact the brain by sustaining cumulative injuries that result from blast waves that penetrate the skull and the brain; and,

WHEREAS, it is reported that Idaho has the largest national gun ownership in the country. There are reported over 150 million gun owners across the nation. Sporting events, shooting competition and hunting are routine activities that many adults and children in Idaho attend and support; and,

WHEREAS, Press release from Senator Mike Crapo: February 6, 2025 US Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) led a group of 28 additional Senate colleagues in reintroducing S.364, The Hearing Protection Act (HPA). The HPA would reclassify suppressors to regulate them like a regular firearm. Senator Crapo stated "Federal red tape continues to follow the false Hollywood narrative that suppressors are silent, and ignores the reality that they serve a genuine purpose in protecting the hearing of law-abiding American citizens exercising their Second Amendment right" "It is past time Congress removes the burdensome barriers to accessing this equipment for the safety of Idaho's hunters and sportsmen". Senator Risch also supports the HPA as a co-sponsor; and,

WHEREAS, The Hearing Protection Act is supported by the Academy of Doctors of Audiology, National Shooting Sports Foundation, the American Suppressor Association, Gun Owners of America and the National Rifle Association.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports the Hearing Protection Act; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we direct the State Chairman to request the Idaho GOP Legislative Liaisons to work with their fellow legislators to ensure passage of such legislation, the Hearing Protection Act.

Resolution 2025-37

Title: Resolution on Tobacco Taxation in the State of Idaho

Submitted by: Martin Shaw, Latah County Central Committee Chair

Passed by: Latah County Central Committee April 22, 2025

Presented by: Martin Shaw, Latah County

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee stands for limited government, individual liberty, and the promotion of free-market principles that empower Idahoans to make their own choices without undue interference or excessive taxation; and,

WHEREAS, the current Idaho tobacco tax imposes a burdensome 40% rate on the wholesale sales price of pipe tobacco and other tobacco products, while cigars are capped at a maximum of 50 cents per unit as of July 1, 2023, and cigarettes are taxed at a fixed rate of 57 cents per pack, creating an inconsistent and inequitable tax burden on pipe tobacco users; and,

WHEREAS, proposals to expand tobacco taxation threaten to further encroach upon individual choice and increase government revenue without clear justification tied to public health or fiscal necessity; and,

WHEREAS, regular consumers of tobacco products can often evade Idaho's tobacco taxes by purchasing online from out-of-state sources with lax enforcement, while Idaho retailers bear a disproportionate burden due to stringent tax reporting and compliance requirements, unfairly disadvantaging local businesses; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho's tobacco taxes impose an undue burden on tobacco retailers, who face complex and time-consuming tax reporting obligations that create significant bookkeeping headaches, driving up operational costs and inflating the price of products for consumers; and,

WHEREAS, excessive taxation on tobacco and related products risks driving consumers to unregulated markets or neighboring states with lower tax rates, reducing Idaho's tax revenue and harming local businesses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we urge the Idaho State Legislature to prioritize tax policies that respect individual liberty, reduce the overall tax burden on Idahoans, and promote economic freedom by resisting the temptation to use tobacco taxes as a tool for social engineering or revenue generation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls for the complete elimination of all tobacco taxes in the state of Idaho levied under Idaho Code Title 63, Chapter 25 "Cigarette and Tobacco Products Taxes", including taxes on cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco and all other tobacco-related items, by urging the Idaho Legislature to amend Idaho Code to repeal these taxes in their entirety, thereby promoting limited government and opposing excessive and capricious taxation.

Resolution: 2025-39
Title: Resolution Raising the Threshold for Judicial Retention Elections

Submitted by: Colton Bennett, Latah County Youth Committeeman

Passed by: Latah County Central Committee, April 22, 2025

Presented by: Colton Bennett, Latah County

Whereas: Judicial elections and the selection of just judges is incredibly important to the preservation of our republic, the right interpretation of our Constitution, the protection of our rights, and the swift and proper execution of justice in our land; and,

Whereas: Turnout in Judicial elections is often low, with roll-off rates (incomplete ballots for that race) as high as 20%, and voter education is relatively low; and,

Whereas: Idaho only requires a fifty percent plus one margin for the retention of judges while other states (i.e. Illinois) have raised this threshold; and,

Whereas: Voters have a right to better education in Judicial Elections and Judges have the need to be held to the highest standards of accountability; and,

Whereas: Judges who have lost the confidence of vast portions of their constituency are a liability to both the judiciary and the rule of law.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Idaho Legislature to amend Idaho Code 1-2220 to raise the threshold for the retention of judges from a majority, to sixty percent (60%); and,

Be it Further Resolved: That the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Idaho Legislature to amend Idaho Code 1-2220 to add statements for and against retention to the ballot.

1. A statement FOR retention to be provided by the judge in question.
2. If applicable, a statement AGAINST retention to be drafted and agreed upon by opponents of retention in a manner determined by the Legislature.

Resolution: 2025-41

Title: Resolution to Repeal the Grocery Tax by way of a Ballot Initiative

Submitted by: Howard Rynearson

Passed by: LD9 Central Committee

Presented by: Howard Rynearson

WHEREAS, there is a fundamental right to provide food as sustenance for all humanity and therefore it is immoral to be taxed; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho is only one of four states that charges equal sales tax on food as well as all other items; and,

WHEREAS, the results of a 2024 poll conducted by Rasmussen for Mountain States Policy Center, 87% (63% strongly) are in favor of repealing the grocery sales tax on food; and,

WHEREAS, for several years the act of filing a proposed bill in the chairman's drawer and not give it a hearing has been consistently used to ignore this issue; and,

WHEREAS, the one and only time the Idaho Legislature passed a bill to repeal the grocery tax, it was vetoed by Governor Butch Otter; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Brad Little said, as a campaign promise, that he would sign a bill to repeal the grocery tax if sent to him by the legislature; and,

WHEREAS, instead of helping Idaho citizens feed their families the tax on groceries are largely used to grow government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports a ballot initiative to be brought before the people, and with sufficient signatures subsequently placed on the 2026 ballot for the repeal of sales tax on groceries.

Resolution 2025-43

Title: Eliminating “Gender Identity” and Gender Ideology” From All Ordinances, Codes, Rules, Bylaws and Statutes in the State of Idaho and All Its Political Subdivisions

Submitted by: Ada County Republican Central Committee

Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee May 1, 2025

Presented by: Michael Hon

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, on January 20, 2025, signed Executive Order 14168, “DEFENDING WOMEN FROM GENDER IDEOLOGY EXTREMISM AND RESTORING BIOLOGICAL TRUTH TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT”; and,

WHEREAS, women are biologically distinct from men, with such distinction being defined at the chromosomal level; and,

WHEREAS, across the country and the State of Idaho, ideologues who deny the biological reality of sex have increasingly used legal and other socially coercive means to permit men to self-identify as women and women to self-identify as men to gain access to intimate single-sex spaces and activities designed separately for women and separately for men; and,

WHEREAS, efforts to eradicate the biological reality of sex fundamentally attack women and men by depriving them of their dignity, safety, and well-being. The erasure of sex in language and policy has a corrosive impact not just on the dignity of women and men but on the fabric of society upon which is the foundation of our entire American system. Basing federal, state, and local policy on objective truth is critical to scientific inquiry, medical treatment, public safety, morale, and trust in government itself; and,

WHEREAS, the unhealthy road is paved by an ongoing and purposeful attack against the ordinary and longstanding use and understanding of biological and scientific terms, replacing the immutable biological reality of sex with an internal, unstable, and subjective sense of self unmoored from biological facts; and,

WHEREAS, invalidating the true and biological categories of “women” and “men” improperly transforms laws and policies designed to protect sex-based opportunities into laws and policies that undermine them, replacing longstanding, cherished legal rights and values with a subjective, identity-based, inchoate social concept; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho already defines male, female, boy, and girl according to immutable biological realities in Idaho Code 73-114.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the State Executive Branch to enforce all sex-protective laws in accordance with Idaho Code 73-114; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the State Executive Branch to enforce pre-emption on all political subdivisions using Idaho Code 73-114 to govern interpretation and application of Federal and State law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Idaho State Legislature to enact legislation removing all references to “gender identity”, “gender ideology”, “gender expression,” and any like terms from the ordinances, codes, rules, bylaws, policies, or statutes of any taxpayer funded political division within the State of Idaho; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Idaho State Legislature to amend Idaho Code 73-114 to define the terms ‘man’ and ‘woman.’; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee directs the State Chair to transmit this resolution to the Idaho Legislature, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee asks the Legislature to enact this legislation.

Resolution 2025-44

Title: Resolution Calling for Stronger Immigration Enforcement in Idaho

Submitted by: Region V Central Committee

Passed by: Region V Central Committee April 30, 2025

Presented by: Brian Almon

WHEREAS, the sovereignty and security of the United States depend upon the effective enforcement of its immigration laws; and,

WHEREAS, illegal immigration imposes significant costs on taxpayers, strains public services such as schools, hospitals, and law enforcement, and undermines the rule of law; and,

WHEREAS, the McClure Center for Public Policy Research found in 2024 that 35,000 illegal aliens were living in Idaho as of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, a representative of the Idaho Dairyman's Association admitted in 2024 that up to 70% of foreign dairy workers in Idaho potentially lacked legal status; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho's growing economy must not continue to be a magnet for illegal labor, nor should law-abiding employers be placed at a competitive disadvantage by those who hire illegal workers; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho can combat illegal immigration more effectively by fully cooperating with the Trump Administration; and,

WHEREAS, section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act allows for cooperative agreements between Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and local law enforcement agencies to enforce immigration laws; and,

WHEREAS, the public has a right to transparency regarding the cost and extent of illegal immigration in Idaho, including data on the number of illegal aliens in state prisons, jails, and public schools; and,

WHEREAS, special interests, lobbyists, and even members of the Legislature resist efforts to enforce immigration laws; and,

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party platform, as adopted in June 2024, states that "We support the detainment and prosecution of any person or organization aiding and abetting" illegal aliens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges all state and local law enforcement agencies to pursue and enter into 287(g) agreements with ICE to strengthen immigration enforcement at the local level, and for legislation compelling such cooperation where possible; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls for annual reporting by the appropriate state agencies on the number of illegal aliens currently incarcerated in state and local facilities, as well as the estimated number of school-aged children unlawfully present in the state who are enrolled in public schools, and for legislation requiring such reports; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee strongly condemns any business or employer that knowingly hires illegal aliens, and supports penalties for those who do so in violation of state or federal law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee strongly opposes any effort or measure to grant legal status, work permits, or driver's licenses to any person here illegally; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges all elected Republican officials to stand firm against pressure from special interests and to uphold the rule of law by advancing these reforms.

Resolution 2025-45

Title: Resolution in Support of Repealing the Corporate Transparency Act

Submitted by: Brian Clearly

Passed by: Kootenai County Republican Central Committee, January 28, 2025

Presented by: Brian Clearly or Nina Beesley

WHEREAS, the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA), enacted as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, requires millions of small businesses and limited liability companies to report detailed ownership information to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN); and,

WHEREAS, the CTA imposes significant administrative and compliance burdens on small businesses, family-owned companies, and entrepreneurs who already face extensive regulatory requirements, potentially diverting resources away from growing their businesses and creating jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the compliance requirements of the CTA disproportionately affect small businesses and startups by requiring them to navigate complex reporting obligations under threat of substantial fines and penalties, while larger corporations and publicly traded companies are exempt from these requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the CTA's reporting obligations present privacy concerns by requiring businesses to disclose sensitive personal information, such as names, addresses, and identification numbers of beneficial owners, to a government database that could be vulnerable to misuse, breaches, or unauthorized access; and,

WHEREAS, the objectives of the CTA, such as combating money laundering, fraud, and terrorism financing, are already addressed through existing regulatory frameworks, including Know Your Customer (KYC) and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) requirements imposed on financial institutions; and,

WHEREAS, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) estimates that compliance with the CTA will cost small businesses approximately \$6.996 billion over five years for initial Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) reports, and an additional \$2.033 billion over five years for updated BOI reports, averaging to a significant annual financial burden on small businesses nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, recent federal court decisions have raised constitutional concerns regarding the CTA, including:

- Texas Top Cop Shop, LLC v. U.S. Department of the Treasury: On December 3, 2024, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas issued a nationwide preliminary injunction against the enforcement of the CTA, ruling that the Act is likely unconstitutional as it exceeds Congress's authority under the Commerce Clause and infringes upon state sovereignty protected by the Tenth Amendment.
- National Small Business Association v. Yellen: In March 2024, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama granted an injunction preventing the enforcement of

the CTA against the plaintiffs, citing similar constitutional concerns regarding federal overreach and the infringement of state powers; and,

WHEREAS, The United States has appealed from the decisions in Texas Top Cop Shop and in National Small Business Association and it is uncertain whether the reviewing appellate courts will affirm or reverse them, and,

WHEREAS, according to available data, Kootenai County, Idaho, has approximately 5,755 small business establishments, accounting for 99.9% of all establishments in the county, which may be subject to the CTA's disclosure requirements if the nationwide injunction issued in Texas Top Cop Shop is dissolved on appeal or the U.S. Congress fails to repeal the CTA. Non-compliance is subject to criminal penalties, including fines up to \$10,000 and imprisonment for up to two years for willful non-compliance; and,

WHEREAS, protecting the privacy, economic vitality, and entrepreneurial spirit of our local communities is a priority for this committee and the constituents we represent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges Idaho's U.S. Congressional Delegation to unanimously support legislation to repeal the Corporate Transparency Act in its entirety; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee calls upon Congress to prioritize regulatory frameworks that effectively address financial crimes without disproportionately burdening small businesses or infringing upon privacy rights; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted by the KCRCC secretary to each member of our Idaho U.S. Congressional delegation, the Idaho Secretary of State Phil McGrane, and Idaho Attorney General Raul Labrador, encouraging them to take swift action in support of repealing the Corporate Transparency Act.

Resolution 2025-46

Title: Resolution To Preserve and Protect the U.S. Constitution and Oppose All Calls for an Article V Convention

Submitted by: Nina Beesley

Passed by: Kootenai County Republican Central Committee, Feb 25, 2025

Presented by: Nina Beesley

Whereas, The United States Constitution has protected the fundamental rights of Americans for almost two and a half centuries and provided the foundation for the most peaceful, prosperous, and free nation in the world; and,

Whereas, the establishment and preservation of the Constitution cost the best blood of previous centuries and is a sacred duty incumbent upon every American today; and,

Whereas, the challenges identified by proponents of calling for an Article V convention stem from a failure to abide by the Constitution, NOT from a flaw in the Constitution itself; and,

Whereas, proponents of an Article V convention advocate that such a convention will empower the states to rein in Congress, while the plain language of Article V empowers “Congress” to “call” a convention for proposing “amendments”, necessarily giving Congress a controlling role that supersedes that of the states; and,

Whereas, the Congressional Research Service and the actions of Congress clearly indicate an expectation that duties associated with “calling” a convention pursuant to Article V include making key decisions about the time and location of the convention, the selection, number and apportionment of delegates, and an expectation that Congress would fund the convention, which powers and duties constitute a substantial controlling influence over the make-up of a convention and the conditions under which a convention would take place; and,

Whereas, proponents of an Article V convention make unjustified claims of certainty that such a convention would provide “One state, one vote,” while most recent congressional proposals have suggested proportional representation— a proposal which would be devastating to smaller, conservative states; and,

Whereas, members of the radical left and states like California, who recently passed a resolution calling for an Article V convention in order to impose gun-control on the states, would also have a seat and representation at any convention table; and,

Whereas, assurance that any amendments proposed would require ratification by state legislatures is empty assurance, given Article V’s stipulation that “Congress” again retains a controlling role in the Article V ratification process, choosing the method of ratification, including, as an option, ratification by “conventions” in the various states, presumably organized at the direction of Congress; and,

Whereas, it is clear that the risks outweigh any supposed benefits of calling an Article V Convention. The state of Idaho took action in 1999 in SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

NO. 129 to repeal all previous calls for an Article V convention, which action included the following statement: “. . . former Justice of the United States of America Warren E. Burger, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Arthur J. Goldberg, and other leading constitutional scholars agree that such a convention may propose sweeping changes to the Constitution, any limitations or restrictions purportedly imposed by the states applying for such a convention or conventions to the contrary notwithstanding, thereby creating an imminent peril to the well-established rights of the citizens and the duties of various levels of government”; and,

Whereas, former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger concluded that there is no effective way to limit or muzzle the action of a Constitutional Convention after it is convened.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee preserve and protect the U.S Constitution by opposing all calls for an Article V convention; and,

Be it further resolved that this resolution be transmitted to Idaho legislators, Governor Brad Little, Idaho Attorney General Raul Labrador, and Idaho’s U.S. Congressmen urging them to preserve and protect the U.S. Constitution by opposing all calls for an Article V convention.

RESOLUTION 2025-47
TITLE: SUPPORT FOR STATUTORY ENFORCEABILITY OF HB96

Submitted by: Lynn Bradescu

Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee May 1, 2025

Presented by: Lynn Bradescu

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature has a duty to enact laws that uphold the rule of law, promote accountability, and protect the rights of Idahoans under the Idaho Constitution and the U.S. Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill 96 (2025), which restricts flags flown on government property to U.S., state, city, military, or tribal flags; and,

WHEREAS, HB 96 lacks penalties or enforcement mechanisms, allowing flagrant violations such as the one recently committed by the City of Boise's display of unauthorized flags; and,

WHEREAS, laws without enforcement mechanisms undermine legislative intent, erode public trust, and burden taxpayers with ineffective governance, as seen in the absence of consequences for non-compliance with HB 96; and,

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party Platform supports effective, limited government that ensures laws are clear, enforceable, and consistent with constitutional principles; and,

WHEREAS, a statutory requirement for all new laws adopted by the State of Idaho to include enforcement mechanisms and penalties would strengthen governance, prevent toothless legislation, and ensure accountability; and,

WHEREAS, an enforcement mechanism that would impose penalties on any government entity intentionally violating statutes would provide the needed vehicle to compel such entities to comply with the clear intent of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges the Idaho Legislature to introduce and pass in the 2026 legislative session the McLean Act, legislation that would amend the language adopted by HB 96 to enact enforcement mechanisms that includes but is not limited to the withholding of sales tax revenue to which the jurisdiction would otherwise be entitled; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls for a review of existing Idaho statutes to identify and amend those lacking enforcement mechanisms, ensuring all laws are effective and enforceable; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the Idaho Governor, the Idaho Attorney General, the Speaker of the Idaho House, the President Pro Tempore of the Idaho Senate, and all members of the Idaho Legislature.

Resolution 2025-48

Title: Resolution Calling for Transition of Nonpartisan Elections to Partisan Races in Idaho

Submitted by: Ben Chafetz

Passed by: Ada County Republican Central Committee May 1, 2025

Presented by: Ben Chafetz

WHEREAS, the current nonpartisan elections for Idaho mayors, city councilmen, and school board trustees obscure the ideological and moral frameworks guiding these elected officials, who wield significant influence over the governance of our communities and the education of our children; and,

WHEREAS, these elected officials enact their personal morals and values onto the people and children they govern, often advancing policies that reflect specific ideological leanings under the guise of neutrality; and,

WHEREAS, examples of such moral imposition include the promotion of pride events, which align with liberal values and are frequently sponsored or endorsed by city officials, imposing a particular worldview on constituents; and,

WHEREAS, the presence of sexual books and materials in school libraries and curricula, often championed by school board trustees and reflective of liberal ideologies, exposes children to content that may conflict with the values of many Idaho families; and,

WHEREAS, policies allowing transgender individuals to use the bathrooms of their choice, enacted by city councils and school boards, prioritize a liberal interpretation of gender identity over the privacy and safety concerns of the broader population; and,

WHEREAS, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives, increasingly foisted upon residents within city limits and children in schools, represent a liberal agenda that mandates ideological conformity rather than fostering individual merit and local values; and,

WHEREAS, these examples demonstrate that nonpartisan elections fail to provide voters with clear information about the moral and political stances of candidates, leaving citizens unable to hold officials accountable to a consistent party platform; and,

WHEREAS, transitioning to partisan races would ensure transparency, allowing voters to align their ballots with candidates whose values and policies reflect the principles of the Republican Party or other defined ideological frameworks; and,

WHEREAS, partisan elections would strengthen democratic accountability by enabling political parties to vet candidates, enforce platform discipline, and mobilize voters around shared ideals, particularly in defense of conservative values cherished by Idahoans at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls for the Idaho State Legislature to amend election laws to convert the currently nonpartisan races into partisan elections, effective no later than the 2026 election cycle; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the passage of this resolution, the Chairwoman shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the State Legislature for the 2026 legislative session.

Resolution 2025-49

Title: Call for Transparency in Weather Modification and Geoengineering

Submitted by: Tammy Nichols

Passed by: District 13 Republican Central Committee May 5, 2025

Presented by: Tammy Nichols

WHEREAS, recent advances in weather modification and geoengineering technologies raise significant concerns regarding their environmental impact and the lack of transparency surrounding their implementation; and,

WHEREAS, experiments such as sun dimming and cloud brightening, which are currently being funded and approved by various governments, advocacy groups, and global philanthropists, pose significant unknown risks to the environment, human health, and agricultural production, and have been approved without sufficient public input or understanding of the long-term consequences; and,

WHEREAS, because airspace is controlled by different government entities at both the federal, state, and international levels, these geoengineering activities fall under multiple jurisdictions, complicating oversight and accountability; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government has a responsibility to ensure that all weather modification activities, particularly those conducted under federal agencies such as NOAA, adhere to strict regulatory standards, with full public disclosure of all operations; and,

WHEREAS, the potential risks of these technologies, including unintended weather patterns, environmental degradation, and human health effects, demand careful scrutiny and accountability from both state and federal authorities; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho's citizens deserve transparency on any weather modification activities conducted within the state, particularly when they may affect local agriculture, water resources, and public safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls on the U.S. Congress, Idaho Legislature, the U.S. Health Secretary, and any other relevant governmental bodies to immediately initiate investigations into these weather practices, experiments, and controls, with particular attention to the complex jurisdictional issues created by the involvement of multiple government entities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee demands increased accountability, requiring all agencies involved in weather modification activities to provide full transparency to the public, including real-time reporting and environmental impact assessments; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to members of the U.S. Congress, Idaho Legislature, and relevant governmental bodies, urging them to take swift and decisive action to ensure that all weather modification activities are conducted with full transparency, oversight, and accountability to the citizens of Idaho and the United States; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that if any problems, risks, or issues related to these weather modification activities are identified, immediate steps shall be taken to halt such activities to protect public safety, the environment, and the health of Idaho's citizens.

Resolution 2025-50
Title: Affirm Equal Justice Under Law and Reject Issue-Based Justice Frameworks

Submitted by: Tammy Nichols

Passed by: District 13 Republican Central Committee May 5, 2025

Presented by: Tammy Nichols

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the principle that all individuals are created equal and are entitled to equal protection under the law, without preferential treatment based on ideology, group identity, or political trends; and,

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of laws that ensure the equal protection of all U.S. citizens and legal immigrants, guaranteeing that rights and justice are applied consistently and fairly to all, without discrimination or favoritism based on social, environmental, or political causes; and,

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence affirms that & “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights”; and that & “to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed “. (Source: National Archives, Declaration of Independence, 1776); and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution, including the 14th Amendment, declares that” No State shall... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws;” (U.S. Constitution, Amend. XIV, Sec. 1); and,

WHEREAS, the words” Equal Justice Under Law;” are engraved above the entrance to the United States Supreme Court, constantly reminding us of the constitutional expectation that justice applies equally to all persons, regardless of political causes or group classifications (Supreme Court Historical Society); and,

WHEREAS, Federalist No. 51, written by James Madison, states: “; Justice is the end of government. It is the end of civil society;” This emphasizes that justice must remain impartial and constant, not influenced by social or environmental causes (Federalist No. 51, 1788); and,

WHEREAS, the rise of ideological frameworks such as “climate justice,” “social justice,” or “environmental justice” threatens the equal application of laws by prioritizing certain categories of people and non-humans over others, undermining the constitutional guarantee of fairness and neutrality; and,

WHEREAS, policies or frameworks that promote group-identity or issue-based justice threaten to create division, undermining the unity that underpins the rule of law, and hindering the equal treatment of all citizens under our shared legal system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee affirms the founding principle of Equal Justice Under Law as superior to issue-based or group-identity justice frameworks; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all policies, enforcement efforts, and publicly funded initiatives within the state shall uphold equal treatment under the law and reject any form of selective enforcement, unequal access, or unequal burdens based on ideological or discriminatory labels or group categories; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that state and local governments shall conduct regular audits of current policies and practices to ensure compliance with the principle of equal justice, providing full transparency and accountability to the people of Idaho; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that any deviation from the principles of equal justice under law shall be subject to rigorous review, and corrective actions will be taken to maintain fairness, impartiality, and respect for the rule of law.

Resolution 2025-53
Title: Reform of Idaho Judicial Nomination Process

Submitted by: Adams County Republican Central Committee

Passed By: Adams County Republican Central Committee May 5, 2025

Presented by: Keith Markley, Chair of Adams County Republican Central Committee

WHEREAS, we are witnessing extreme judicial activism in America; and,

WHEREAS, leftist ideology has infiltrated our institutions of higher education, including our law schools resulting in a liberal judiciary; and,

WHEREAS, we know an impartial judiciary committed to the rule of law according to our constitution is of vital importance to the maintenance of our constitutional republic; and,

WHEREAS, we the people must be the overseers of each branch of government; and,

WHEREAS, the current process of judicial selection is accomplished away from oversight and accountability of the people; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports reforming the way Idaho judges are being appointed by bringing the process closer to the people; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the legislature to change the makeup of the Idaho Judicial Council, as described in Idaho 1-2101, according to the following:

The Judicial Council shall be made up of nine (9) members; four (4) attorneys and five (5) non-attorneys. The Governor, with the approval of the Senate, shall appoint these on a rotating basis.

- The Governor shall appoint one (1) attorney member who is a currently serving or retired Idaho District Judge or Magistrate Judge from a list of three (3) qualified candidates selected and provided by the Idaho Supreme Court;
- The Governor shall appoint one (1) attorney from a list of three (3) qualified candidates chosen and provided by the Idaho State Bar;
- The Governor shall appoint one (1) attorney member from a list of three (3) qualified candidates selected and provided by the Idaho Sheriff's Association;
- The fourth attorney appointment by the Governor shall be the Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court;
- There shall be five (5) non-attorney members which shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of fifteen (15) qualified candidates (three (3) for each vacancy) selected by the House Judiciary Committee. Qualified candidates shall be selected by the Houses Judiciary Committee from currently serving County Commissioners from across the state of Idaho. Not more than one (1) nominee from any county shall be appointed and the House Judiciary Committee shall carefully consider wide ranging Statewide

representation in its selections. All appointments by the governor shall require senate approval.

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

Submitted by Trevor Jones

Passed unanimously by Cassia County Republican Central Committee, 5 December 2024

Presented by Trevor Jones

WHEREAS the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) obtained Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) status with the United States in 2001 (often called “Most Favored Nation” trade status), and since then has used its low tariffs to unfairly compete with American industry, leading to millions of lost US manufacturing jobs and tens of thousands of shuttered factories; and

WHEREAS the National Republican Party’s 2024 platform includes a plank to revoke China’s PNTR status, which would allow reasonable tariffs to be imposed on Chinese imports, and would protect American manufacturing; and

WHEREAS President Donald Trump has consistently warned the American people of the threat posed by the CCP, and has called for increased tariffs to penalize unfair competition by foreign aggressor nations; and

WHEREAS the *China Trade Relations Act*, introduced in the previous Congress, would revoke China’s Permanent Normal Trade Relations status; and

WHEREAS the CCP came to power over the world’s most populous nation by force in 1949 and has not held a free and fair election since that time; and

WHEREAS godless, repressive communism and socialism (which the CCP enforces upon its people) are inherently incompatible with the freedom of religion that forms a keystone of the American republican system; and

WHEREAS the CCP government currently commits flagrant human rights abuses, including but not limited to: forced abortions and sterilizations; the ethnic cleansing of Uyghurs, deporting them into concentration camps and using them as slave labor; the repression and persecution of Falun Gong, a religious minority; and the absolute censorship of the Internet and press; and

WHEREAS the CCP government has grown increasingly belligerent over the last 20 years, even directly attacking its peaceful neighbors in disputed international waters; and

WHEREAS the CCP has blurred the line between civilian and military uses of technology; and

WHEREAS the CCP government holds \$780 billion in US Treasury bonds, about 10% of the US national debt, and is the second-largest international holder of US debt; and

WHEREAS Taiwan (officially the Republic of China) represents a democratic alternative to the CCP regime; and

WHEREAS on January 1, 1979, the United States recognized the CCP regime and established diplomatic relations with it as the sole legitimate government of China, and on the same day withdrew its recognition of Taiwan, and terminated diplomatic relations with Taiwan's government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the United States Congress to reintroduce and pass the *China Trade Relations Act* in this session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the United States Treasury to immediately stop selling Treasury bonds to China – at least until such time as their regime has shown, by their actions and not just their words, that they will not use those bonds for future economic warfare against the US; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee supports the free Taiwanese state and supports an immediate return of formal diplomatic recognition to the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States government should immediately begin to strengthen our economy and our military, and make our economy less reliant on Chinese firms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Idaho State Legislature and the United States Congress to adopt similar resolutions of condemnation against the CCP at their next duly scheduled meetings.

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Resolution 2025-55

Title: Resolution in Support of Transitioning Idaho Odd-Numbered-Year Elections to Even-Numbered Years

Submitted by: Lynn Bradescu

Passed By: LD19 Republican Central Committee

Presented by: Lynn Bradescu

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho currently conducts elections in odd-numbered years, resulting in lower voter turnout compared to state and federal elections held in even-numbered years; and,

WHEREAS, aligning all elections with even-numbered primary and general election cycles would increase voter participation by combining ballots, streamlining election administration, and reducing voter fatigue; and,

WHEREAS, consolidating election dates would save the State of Idaho, counties, and local governments untold amounts of taxpayer money by reducing the number of separate election days, election staff, polling site operations, and administrative costs; and,

WHEREAS, higher voter turnout in even-year elections fosters a more representative democracy, ensures that local government leaders are elected by a broader segment of the population, and builds public trust in the electoral process; and,

WHEREAS, numerous other states have successfully transitioned all elections to even-numbered years with demonstrable cost savings and increased civic engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls upon the Idaho Legislature to introduce and pass legislation amending state law to require that all elections in Idaho be held in even-numbered years beginning with the 2026 election cycle; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to:

- The Governor of Idaho
- The Secretary of State
- The Speaker of the House
- The President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- The House and Senate State Affairs Committees