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# Resolution 2026-01

Title: Resolution Calling for Partisan Municipal Elections in Idaho

**Submitted by:** Sebastian D. Griffin, Legislative District 12

**Presented by:** Sebastian D. Griffin, Legislative District 12

**WHEREAS**, municipal governments exercise significant authority over the daily lives of Idaho citizens, including authority over taxation, budgets, public safety, land use, zoning, growth, infrastructure, utilities, and private property rights; and

**WHEREAS**, city councils and mayors regularly make decisions that reflect competing philosophies of government, including the proper size and scope of government, fiscal responsibility, public safety priorities, growth policy, property rights, and individual liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho voters are entitled to clear and honest information about the political philosophy of candidates who seek public office; and

**WHEREAS**, nonpartisan municipal elections do not remove ideology from local government, but too often obscure the beliefs, affiliations, and governing principles of candidates from the voters they seek to represent; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho already conducts partisan elections for county offices, including county commissioners, who likewise oversee budgets, taxation, public services, land use issues, and local government administration; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no principled reason to provide party transparency to voters in county elections while denying that same transparency to voters in city elections; and

**WHEREAS**, partisan municipal elections would improve transparency, accountability, voter participation, and consistency across Idaho's system of local government elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho's next major municipal election cycle will occur in November of 2027, making timely legislative action necessary to provide certainty to candidates, county clerks, city clerks, political parties, and voters;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention calls upon the Idaho Legislature to amend Idaho law to require elections for mayor and city council to be conducted as partisan elections; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such legislation should provide for party nomination of municipal candidates, party affiliation to appear on the ballot, and a clear process for independent or unaffiliated candidates consistent with Idaho election law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Legislature should enact these changes in the 2027 Legislative Session, in time for implementation before the November 2027 municipal election cycle; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Idaho, the Idaho Secretary of State, the President Pro Tempore of the Idaho Senate, the Speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives, the Senate State Affairs Committee, the House State Affairs Committee, and all Republican members of the Idaho Legislature.

# Resolution 2026-02

**Title:** A resolution against unjustly withholding bills

**Submitted by:** Matthew K. Jensen, Legislative District 17

**Presented by:** Matthew K. Jensen, Legislative District 17

**WHEREAS**, there is a process that every piece of legislation is supposed to follow in the Idaho Statehouse; and,

**WHEREAS**, generally such legislation is by both purpose and implementation supposed to be at the will of the people; and,

**WHEREAS**, without ascribing motive, it absolutely can be said that procedure has been used to reject or ignore the will of Idahoan voters; and,

**WHEREAS**, one of the ways this happens is committee chairmen holding legislation in their drawers instead of letting a more appropriate process take place; and,

**WHEREAS**, attempts to rectify the situation have not only been met with procedural and curmudgeoned resistance, but with scorn as well; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the history of this country, very few good things happen after the people are ignored;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention implores the Idaho Legislature to refrain from using procedure to silence such legislation; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention asks legislators to develop and implement a Joint Rule of the Legislature to prevent drawering; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention instructs and enjoins its Legislative Liaisons, through the Idaho Republican State Chairman, to report back on the issues mentioned in this resolution at the next possible IDGOP State Central Committee Meeting, as per Article I, Section 23 of the State Rules.

# Resolution 2026-04

## Title: Resolution to Remedy Constitutional Shortcomings of Idaho Code 59-907

**Submitted by:** Anna Price, Owyhee County

**Presented by:** Walt Holton, Owyhee County

**WHEREAS**, Article 5, Section 18 of the Idaho Constitution specifies that “A prosecuting attorney shall be elected for each organized county by the qualified electors of such county..” and specifies that the required qualifications are “..he shall be a practicing attorney at law, and a resident and elector of the county for which he is elected.”, and

**WHEREAS**, Article 5, Section 19 specifies that “All vacancies occurring in the offices provided for by this article of the Constitution shall be filled as provided by law.”, and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code 59-906 provides the procedure for filling vacancies in county offices which includes the office of the prosecuting attorney, and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code 59-907 was added in 1988 to allow the board of county commissioners to fill a prosecuting attorney vacancy by appointing and/or contracting with a non-resident attorney to perform the duties of the prosecutor for the balance of the unexpired term or a shorter period when there is no resident attorney in the county willing or qualified to fill the vacancy, and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code 59-907 was amended in 1996 and in 2006 allowing the commissioners to expand their ability to appoint and/or contract with a non-resident attorney from when there is no willing or qualified resident attorney, to when there are three or fewer resident attorneys willing and qualified to perform the functions of the prosecuting attorney, and

**WHEREAS**, The Idaho Republican Party believes that 59-907 as currently written and implemented violates Article 5, Section 18 of the Idaho Constitution by allowing the residency requirement to be ignored when there are three, two, or even one willing and qualified resident attorneys in the county to fill a prosecuting attorney vacancy, and

**WHEREAS**, The Idaho Republican Party believes that the Idaho Constitution is the supreme law of the state and should not be effectively amended, altered, or ignored by any legislation, regulation, or rule.

**THEREFORE**, The Idaho Republican Convention requests that the Legislature remedy the constitutional conflict with the shortcomings in I.C. 59-907.

# Resolution 2026-05

## Title: Idaho Republican Party Resolution Urging Congress to Pass the SAVE America Act

**Submitted by:** Tammy Nichols, Canyon County

**Presented by:** Tammy Nichols, Canyon County

**WHEREAS**, free, fair, and secure elections are the foundation of our Constitutional Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, the right to vote is one of the most sacred rights and honor of American citizens and must be protected from fraud, abuse, and unlawful influence; and

**WHEREAS**, the American people deserve full confidence that federal elections are conducted lawfully, transparently, and with strong safeguards to ensure that only eligible United States citizens are voting in federal elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the failure to enforce meaningful election integrity measures weakens public trust and threatens the legitimacy of our electoral system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Save America Act strengthens election security through measures designed to protect the integrity of federal elections, preserve the rule of law, and safeguard the voice of lawful American voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has a duty to protect the rights of American citizens and ensure that elections are not diluted by unlawful voting, weakened by reckless election policies, or manipulated through insecure election practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho has consistently supported strong election integrity laws and the principle that elections should be decided only by legal votes cast by eligible citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, when the federal government fails to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities to protect the integrity of federal elections, the states have both the right and the duty to call upon Congress to act; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress has failed to take sufficient action to secure federal elections and restore confidence in the electoral process, making it necessary for the states and the people to demand immediate action to protect the integrity of American elections;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention fully supports the passage of the Save America Act by the United States Congress; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention calls upon Idaho's congressional delegation to aggressively support and vote in favor of the Save America Act and any efforts to strengthen election integrity nationwide; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention opposes any federal action, policy, or program that weakens voter identification requirements, permits non-citizen voting, undermines ballot security, or interferes with the states' constitutional authority to administer elections; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Idaho's congressional delegation, the leadership of the United States House of Representatives, and the leadership of the United States Senate.

# Resolution 2026-06

## Title: Opposing Statutory or Regulatory Indemnification of Private Entities, Contractors, and Researchers Operating in Idaho

**Submitted by:** Gresham Bouma, Legislative District 6

**Presented by:** Gresham Bouma, Legislative District 6

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Republican Party stands for limited government, personal accountability, and the protection of life, liberty, and property for every Idahoan; and

**WHEREAS**, certain private businesses and industries—including but not limited to pharmaceutical companies, Ribonucleic acid (RNA) technology developers, pesticide manufacturers, contractors, and research institutions—have sought indemnification or legal immunity for their products, services, or activities, thereby shifting the burden of risk from corporations to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code §29-114 and §49-1014 already prohibit indemnification in specific sectors (construction and motor carrier contracts), affirming the principle that parties should not be shielded from liability for their own negligence; and

**WHEREAS**, indemnification undermines the free market by removing incentives for safety, honesty, and responsibility, and denies Idahoans equal access to legal recourse when harmed; and

**WHEREAS**, shielding private actors from liability erodes public trust, distorts enterprise, and incentivizes negligence by removing consequences for harm; and

**WHEREAS**, it strikes at the roots of our republic and its Constitution when one co-equal branch neutralizes the functioning of another, which indemnification does when it denies the citizenry recourse to the courts and bestows unjust and partial protection on any politically powerful sector;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention urges the Idaho State Legislature to enact legislation prohibiting statutory or regulatory indemnification of private entities, contractors, or researchers for harm caused to Idahoans through commercial, research, or service activities; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, such legislation applies regardless of the entity's corporate structure, funding source, or contractual relationship with government agencies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that our federal legislators be informed that the Idaho Republican Party opposes any federal legislation granting indemnification.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that Idaho reaffirm its commitment to equal legal standing for all citizens, ensuring that no private actor operating in the state is shielded from accountability for damages resulting from its actions.

# Resolution 2026-07

## Title: Opposition to Rescheduling and Normalization of Marijuana Use

**Submitted by:** Paul Dye, Madison County

**Presented by:** Paul Dye, Madison County

**WHEREAS** the Idaho Republican Party recognizes that the rise in decriminalization and lack of regulation of marijuana and its derivatives has significantly boosted THC potency, which is known in some cases to trigger psychosis, schizophrenia, anxiety and depression. THC affects memory, attention, and learning, with the potential for persistent cognitive deficits especially in youth. This resolution opposes the rescheduling of marijuana from Class 1 to Class 3.

**WHEREAS** numerous studies conclude that marijuana's increased accessibility and strength pose serious risks to mental health and public safety. We urge policymakers to prioritize evidence-based regulations to protect communities from these harmful effects.

**WHEREAS** steadfast leadership is crucial to empowering our youth, families, and communities to embrace prosperity and personal responsibility, while resisting the normalization of drug use and the influence of drug cartels and the marijuana industry.

**WHEREAS** the normalization and spread of marijuana undermines these values by weakening family bonds and endangering the safety and prosperity of children and communities.

**WHEREAS** effective law enforcement, robust public awareness campaigns, and dedicated prevention initiatives are essential to discourage drug use and foster a culture of personal accountability and fulfillment.

**WHEREAS** community involvement and legislative action supporting education and prevention programs play a vital role in empowering individuals and preserving the core strengths of Idaho families.

**WHEREAS** we commend the efforts of Idaho leaders who stand firm against the encroachment of the marijuana industry, reinforcing our commitment to protect Idahoans from the adverse effects of surrounding states' poor drug policies. We urge these leaders to continue fighting against the growth, wealth, power, and influence of a marijuana industry that seeks to undermine our values and community health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Convention opposes reclassification of cannabis and all products containing THC from Class I to Class III.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Convention supports local and state efforts that prioritize personal growth, family unity, robust public awareness campaigns, and a drug-free future for Idaho and the United States.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Convention opposes legalization of cannabis or other products containing THC.

# Resolution 2026-09

## Title: Traditional American Family Values Month

**Submitted by:** Randy Rieken, Legislative District 12

**Presented by:** Randy Rieken, Legislative District 12

**WHEREAS** Children benefit from traditional family, including natural female mother, male father, children, and extended relatives-is recognized and celebrated.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** we designate Mother's Day through Father's Day as Traditional Family American Values Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the first week of Traditional American Family Values Month, which includes Mother's Day, honors motherhood.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the second week celebrates sons, brothers, and uncles.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the third week celebrates grandparents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the fourth week celebrates daughters, sisters, and aunts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the fifth period, including Father's Day, celebrates fatherhood and marriage between a man and a woman.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** The physical and mental health benefits for children raised in traditional families are acknowledged.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** The positive outcomes for children with involved biological fathers are recognized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** The development of character, morality, virtue, and spirituality fostered by traditional family values is recognized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Communities, schools, churches, businesses, and other stakeholders are encouraged to participate in celebrating Traditional American Family Values Month.

# Resolution 2026-10

## Title: Resolution Regarding the Threat of New World Screwworm

**Submitted by:** Bruce Loertscher, Bonneville County

**Presented by:** Bruce Loertscher, Bonneville County

*A Resolution Calling for our Representatives to Inform themselves about the threat of New World Screwworm and Steps to take to ensure that Idaho is protected.*

**WHEREAS** NWS is now inside the U.S. border.

**WHEREAS** the NWS can have a massive impact on domestic cattle, horses, wild animals, and even people.

**WHEREAS** of January 2026, there are 1,190 cases and 7 deaths of NWS in people and more than 148,000 infections in animals in this outbreak.

**WHEREAS** there are some effective drugs such as Ivermectin, but the only way to truly eliminate the threat is through sterile fly producing facilities

**WHEREAS** the cattle herd in Idaho, which consists of about 2.49 million animals, contributes 2.9 billion dollars into the Idaho economy and NWS would have a massive impact on Idaho families, food supplies, grocery prices, and several other negative factors.

**WHEREAS** NWS has at least one confirmed case in Texas.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Convention calls upon our congressmen to familiarize themselves with this issue and support measures to combat this threat to our food security at the U.S. border, specifically the creation of sterile fly production facilities that will produce sufficient numbers of sterile flies (500,000,000 per week) in order to combat and ultimately eliminate NWS.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Convention calls upon our legislators to learn about NWS and ensure that steps are taken in order to combat this threat now that it is in the U.S. and is a threat to Idaho.

# Resolution 2026-12

## Title: Resolution Opposing the So-Called Reproductive Freedom and Privacy Act Initiative

**Submitted by:** Karen Seibold, Lemhi County

**Presented by:** Karen Seibold, Lemhi County OR Vicki Motloch, Teton County

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ballot initiative seeks to enshrine a right to abortion up to the point of fetal viability; and

**WHEREAS**, viability is generally recognized in the medical community as occurring at approximately 24 weeks of gestation, meaning the initiative would permit elective abortion through nearly six months of pregnancy; and

**WHEREAS**, advances in neonatal medicine have demonstrated that premature infants born well before 24 weeks are capable of surviving outside the womb with appropriate medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Republican Party affirms the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception and opposes any legal framework that permits the termination of a viable or potentially viable unborn child; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ballot initiative employs the broad and undefined term "reproductive rights" without adequate limitation or definition; and

**WHEREAS**, "reproductive rights" as interpreted by courts and advocacy organizations in other jurisdictions has been construed to encompass not only abortion but also gender-affirming surgical procedures, including cross-sex hormone therapies, puberty blockers, and transgender surgeries; and

**WHEREAS**, the absence of explicit exclusionary language in the proposed initiative creates a legal pathway by which "reproductive rights" could be judicially interpreted to include transgender surgical and hormonal interventions, including for minor children, without parental consent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Republican Party firmly opposes the performance of irreversible gender-reassignment procedures on minors and believes that parental rights must not be circumvented by expansive judicial interpretation of ballot initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, under Article III, Section 1 of the Idaho Constitution, the people reserve to themselves the power of the initiative and the referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, voter-approved ballot initiatives, once enacted, carry the force of statutory law and may be amended or repealed by the Idaho Legislature, provided that such legislative action meets the applicable supermajority threshold or waiting period as prescribed by Idaho Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the proponents of the proposed ballot initiative seek to insulate their policy preferences from the ordinary processes of representative government by embedding them within the state constitution or by exploiting procedural protections afforded to citizen-initiated legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Republican Party believes that the Legislature, as the elected representative body of the people of Idaho, must retain the authority to revisit, amend, or repeal any statutory enactment—including those adopted by ballot initiative—when such enactments are found to be contrary to the public interest, morally objectionable, or constitutionally infirm; and

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing concerns constitute substantive grounds upon which the Idaho Republican Party opposes the proposed reproductive rights ballot initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Republican Party believes that the passage of such an initiative would fundamentally alter the legal landscape of the State of Idaho in a manner contrary to the deeply held values of its citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Convention formally opposes the proposed reproductive rights ballot initiative in its entirety; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Convention opposes the proposed ballot initiative on the grounds that its adoption of a 24-week viability standard effectively authorizes abortion on demand through the second trimester, a position incompatible with the values of the people of Idaho and the protection of innocent human life; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Convention opposes the proposed ballot initiative on the further ground that its use of the term "reproductive rights," without clear and enforceable definitional boundaries, may serve as a vehicle for the judicial imposition of a right to transgender surgical procedures, potentially including such procedures performed upon minor children without the informed consent of their parents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Convention affirms the authority of the Idaho Legislature to amend or repeal voter-approved ballot initiatives through the lawful exercise of its legislative power, and calls upon its elected representatives to exercise such authority should the proposed reproductive rights ballot initiative be approved by the voters, in order to restore protections for the unborn and to preserve the Legislature's proper role in setting public policy on matters of life, family, and parental rights; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Convention calls upon all Republican officeholders, party officials, and citizens of goodwill to actively campaign against the passage of the proposed reproductive rights ballot initiative; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Idaho Republican Party Central Committee, all Republican members of the Idaho Legislature, and the office of the Governor for their information and guidance.

# Resolution 2026-13

## Title: A Resolution in Support of Idaho Senate Concurrent Resolution 120

**Submitted by:** Mike Colson, Bonneville County

**Presented by:** Mike Colson, Bonneville County

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Republican Party is committed to advancing policies that promote energy security, national defense, technological innovation, economic growth, and responsible stewardship of Idaho's resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Senate Concurrent Resolution 120 (SCR 120) affirms the importance of advancing nuclear energy research, including reprocessing and fuel-cycle innovation, consistent with Idaho's longstanding leadership in nuclear science and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, SCR 120 directs relevant state agencies and requests Idaho's congressional delegation to advocate for federal support, including programs of the United States Department of Energy, funding opportunities, and regulatory reforms to advance reprocessing and fuel-cycle research; and

**WHEREAS**, SCR 120 further requests the Governor of Idaho and the Attorney General of Idaho to report to the Legislature on progress made pursuant to the Resolution, including steps taken to negotiate federal commitments of significant compensation to Idaho and to consider potential modifications to the 1995 settlement agreement if warranted; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho is home to the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), a premier national laboratory that plays a vital role in nuclear energy research, national security, and technological advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, strengthening federal partnership and investment in Idaho's nuclear research infrastructure supports high-skilled jobs, strengthens America's energy independence, and reinforces Idaho's position as a national leader in advanced nuclear technology;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican Convention formally expresses its strong support for Idaho Senate Concurrent Resolution 120; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee encourages Idaho's elected officials, including members of the Idaho congressional delegation, to actively advocate for federal policies, funding, and regulatory frameworks consistent with the objectives of SCR 120; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee supports continued collaboration among the State of Idaho, the federal government, the Idaho National Laboratory, private industry, and other stakeholders to advance responsible nuclear fuel-cycle research and related economic development opportunities.

# Resolution 2026-14

## Title: Resolution regarding Local Control of the Placement of Wireless Facilities

**Submitted by:** Grace Bauer, Bonner County

**Presented by:** Grace Bauer, Bonner County

**WHEREAS**, in 2025 the Idaho legislature passed HB 180 redefining “small” wireless facilities as utilities to be placed on utility poles in municipal rights of way, (1) and

**WHEREAS**, HB 180 Section 2(9) states that “Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this section limits or affects the authority of a city or county over decisions regarding the placement, construction, and modification of a wireless telecommunications facility, and

**WHEREAS**, HB 180 Subsection 1 states “(1) A city or county shall approve, approve with modification, or deny a siting application for a telecommunications or cable service facility, for telecommunications or cable equipment, or for broadband infrastructure within a reasonable period of time as defined in subsection (7)(b) of this section, which, depending on the size and co-location of the facility is defined as from 60 to 150 days, and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has been court-ordered (**Aug 13, 2021, EHT/CHD v FCC, Case 20-1025**) (2) to revisit its safety standards from 1996 to address the impacts of RF radiation on children, the health implications of long-term exposure to RF radiation, the ubiquity of wireless devices, and other technological developments that have occurred since the Commission last updated its guidelines, and address the impacts of RF radiation on the environment - which it has not done, and

**WHEREAS**, despite the above-referenced Court Order the FCC has introduced a Rule Change, Docket 25-276, entitled “Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireless Deployments,” which would remove local control over the placement of all wireless telecommunications facilities (3), and

**WHEREAS**, this Rule Change constitutes wireless safety fraud against the States and their citizens based on the 11,000 pages of peer-reviewed documentation of biological harm presented to the Court in **EHT/CHD v FCC** referenced above, and

**WHEREAS**, regardless of the above-referenced Court Order of which FCC has failed to comply, two federal bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives, HR6503 and HR2298 (4) which would enable the above-referenced rule change by removing any environmental or

historical reviews over the placement of wireless facilities, as well as removing barriers to their placement on public land, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to “protect the safety of life and property,” the 1996 Telecommunications Act (TCA) specifically reserved the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless facilities to local municipalities, (5) and;

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Association of Counties and the Idaho Association of Cities strongly oppose the removal of local control over the placement, construction, modification and operations of wireless facilities, in particular “small” wireless facilities designated for the public rights-of-way, and

**WHEREAS**, if Idaho passes a bill to protect local control over the placement, construction, modification and operations of personal wireless facilities as well as the deployment of wireless broadband facilities, the Idaho Attorney General will have the means with which to fight the above-referenced removal of states’ rights and fraud by the FCC and/or Congress, so as to protect Idahoans’ health, safety, and general welfare, as required by the Local Land Use Planning Act, Idaho Code 67-6502. (6)

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee takes a stand against FCC Rule 25-276 removing local control over the placement, modification and operations of wireless telecommunications facilities, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee recommends that the Idaho legislature pass the attached bill presented to PC Anne Chamberlain by Representative Heather Scott and her legislation-writing team:

1. <https://legiscan.com/ID/text/H0180/2025>
2. <https://wirecalifornia.org/case-20-1025-ruling/>
3. <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-25-67A1.pdf>
4. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/2298/text>
5. 47 U.S.C. §332 (c)(7)(B)  
[https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=\(title:47%20section:332%20edition:prelim\)](https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:47%20section:332%20edition:prelim))
6. <https://law.justia.com/codes/idaho/title-67/chapter-65/section-67-6502/>

# Resolution 2026-15

## Title: Resolution Requiring Voter Approval for the Conveyance or Transfer of Public Assets Valued at \$500,000 or Greater

**Submitted by:** Glen Rimbey, Canyon County

**Presented by:** Glen Rimbey, Canyon County

**WHEREAS**, Citizens, at times, via their representatives, give authority to their local governments to buy or build assets and develop property that strengthens the social, cultural, and economic life of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, said governments have a responsibility to maintain said assets so that they may continue to serve the public interest and provide a return on investment to the taxpayers they are meant to benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, property with an assessed value of \$500,000 or greater represents a significant investment of taxpayer dollars, and local governing bodies should consult the taxpayers that have paid directly for an asset via property taxes before deciding to dispose of it;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Idaho Republican Convention calls upon the Idaho State Legislature to amend Idaho Code in Titles 31, 33, 39, 40, 50, and 67 requiring all local taxing districts that wish to convey or transfer a public asset over \$500,000 in value to place it on the ballot in a regular November Election, and that a simple majority must vote in favor for a public entity to begin the process of conveyance or transfer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That before any ballot measure, the public entity seeking to convey or transfer such an asset shall obtain a valuation from a third-party certified appraiser accredited by a state or national organization, with the cost of said appraisal to be borne by the public entity seeking the transfer, and that upon voter approval, the asset must be offered for public auction without reservations or restrictions, with the outright gifting or transfer of a public asset without compensation or exchange of an asset of similar value being strictly prohibited.

# Resolution 2026-16

## Title: A Resolution Calling for Election Integrity

**Submitted by:** Brent Regan, Kootenai County

**Presented by:** Jeff Populus, Kootenai County

**WHEREAS**, our Republican form of government, guaranteed by the US Constitution, depends on free and fair elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the public's confidence that votes will be "accurately cast and counted" has been falling and is now at 57%; and

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho secretary of state is the chief election officer of this state, and it is his responsibility to obtain and maintain uniformity in the application, operation, and interpretation of the election laws (ID Code § 34-201); and

**WHEREAS**, for the voters to have confidence in election systems those in charge of running the elections must act and be perceived as fair, impartial, and without bias; and

**WHEREAS**, It is reported in the June 2, 2026 *Idaho Capital Sun* article that the Idaho Secretary of State Phil McGrane endorsed 26 legislative candidates ahead of the May 19<sup>th</sup> 2026 Primary Election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Secretary of State Phil McGrane reportedly spent at least \$16,000 on mailers supporting his endorsed candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, those mailers prominently displayed "McGrane Secretary of State" and called to "Support our Republican Leaders," the candidates endorsed by the Secretary of State; and

**WHEREAS**, a reasonable person could conclude that the endorsements came from the office of the Idaho Secretary of State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the elected officials overseeing elections, including the Secretary of State and County Clerks, must maintain, in practice and appearance, the fair and unbiased execution of their duties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Delegates of the 2026 Republican State Convention call on the Idaho Legislature to draft and pass legislation that would prohibit the Secretary of State

and County Clerks, as elected officials, from endorsing any candidates participating in the elections they oversee, and to impose penalties for violations.

# Resolution 2026-17

## Title: Prohibiting Candidates From Filing For Public Office With Certain Criminal Background

**Submitted by:** Vince Rundhaug, Idaho County

**Presented by:** Vince Rundhaug, Idaho County

**WHEREAS**, Idaho State code is relatively silent on prohibiting candidates with criminal background from filing for public office.

**WHEREAS**, most good citizens of Idaho expect candidates filing for public office to be of good moral and ethical character and if elected to said office, operate with good moral and ethical behavior.

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Idaho expect candidates filing for public office, once elected, perform their job with trust and not betray that trust through immoral, unethical or illegal behavior.

**WHEREAS**, the filing candidate with previous particular criminal background carries an air of distrust and an inherent disbelief of virtue for holding any public office.

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to John Adams on October 28, 1813, wrote about the need for elected officials to demonstrate **moral accountability**: *"When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property.*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, for the public office of Governor, Lt. Governor and Sheriff Candidates with felony convictions, even if expunged, are prohibited from filing for these positions.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, all other public office from State to County to City and Municipality, candidates with two or more felonies, or one felony and two misdemeanors, or with four or more misdemeanors are prohibited from filing for public office.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, other than Governor, Lt. Governor, and Sheriff office, time cures most offenses. After 10 years from end of sentence, and with no re-engagement with the justice system and Idaho citizen may file for certain public offices. For the more sensitive public offices, the filing candidate will have to petition for expungement, sealing, set aside (ISC 19-2604), or record shielding [SC 67-3004(11)] of their criminal background.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the candidate knowingly files for public office possessing the prohibitive criminal background shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, with an appropriate jail sentence, fines and court costs.

# Resolution 2026-20

## Title: Expansion of the Homeowners Property Tax Exemption

**Submitted by:** Jan 'Pete' Moyer, Teton County

**Presented by:** Jan 'Pete' Moyer, Teton County

**WHEREAS**, Idaho's primary residence homeowners are facing unprecedented property tax burdens due to rapid, market-driven increases in local real estate valuations; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Idaho homeowners' exemption is capped at the lesser of 50% of the property's value or a maximum of \$125,000, a limit that has remained stagnant and failed to track the hyper-inflation of actual housing costs; and

**WHEREAS**, other forward-thinking states have aggressively expanded their primary residential homestead exemptions to provide immediate and meaningful relief to their citizens, such as Texas raising its standard homestead exemption to \$140,000, and other states indexing caps directly to inflation or utilizing robust market-value exclusions; and

**WHEREAS**, a stagnant cap on the homeowners' exemption systematically shifts a disproportionate and unfair share of the tax burden away from commercial or non-owner-occupied properties and directly onto the backs of local primary residents, working families, and seniors on fixed incomes; and

**WHEREAS**, providing targeted tax relief through an increased homeowners' exemption protects local primary homeowners without introducing the severe economic distortions, tax inequities, or public safety budget crises caused by a total property assessment freeze.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee urges the Idaho State Legislature to amend Section 63-602G of the Idaho Code to immediately increase the maximum homeowners' property tax exemption from \$125,000 to **\$200,000** (while maintaining the 50% valuation rule) to deliver direct, overdue tax relief to Idaho citizens.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho State Legislature is urged to index this maximum exemption cap to the annual House Price Index (HPI) for Idaho as determined by the Federal Housing Finance Agency, ensuring that property tax relief automatically scales alongside market realities and permanently protects the structural integrity of Idaho communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the eventual goal of the Republican Party is the elimination of all property taxes.

# Resolution 2026-21

## Title: Approval of New Taxing Districts

**Submitted by:** Jan 'Pete' Moyer, Teton County

**Presented by:** Jan 'Pete' Moyer, Teton County

**WHEREAS**, Taxing districts are approved through a local ballot measure. Once they are on the ballot and voted on,

**WHEREAS**, it takes a simple majority to pass said local ballot measure.

**WHEREAS**, having seen many of these local ballot measures passed with low voter turnout,

**WHEREAS**, where at most 11 to 12% of the registered voters approve of these taxing districts by a very energized base.

**WHEREAS**, to change the Idaho state statute for **new** local ballot measures for **new Taxing Districts** approval to a 2/3 majority from simple majority.

**WHEREAS**, this proposed change will not affect previously approved taxing districts that pertain to Public Safety, such as Road and Bridge, Emergency Services, law enforcement, fire protection, schools, plant facilities, where approval will remain at simple majority.

**WHEREAS**, all other taxing districts not pertaining to public safety, approval to be 2/3 majority.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention urges the Idaho State Legislature: To change the Idaho State Statute for new local ballot measure for taxing Districts approval to a 2/3 majority from a simple majority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention urges the Idaho State Legislature that previously approved taxing districts that pertain to Public Safety, such as Road and Bridge, Emergency Services, law enforcement, fire protection, schools, plant facilities, where approval will remain at simple majority.

# Resolution 2026-22

## Title: Precinct Committeeman Responsibilities

**Submitted by:** Kelly Ann Gomes, Cassia County

**Presented by:** Kelly Ann Gomes, Cassia County

**WHEREAS**, on May 19, 2026, the Primary election in Cassia County had poor turnout; and,

**WHEREAS**, most voters do not know there is an election until they see campaign signs; and,

**WHEREAS**, most voters have no idea who their Precinct Committeeman is or what a Precinct Committeeman does; and,

**WHEREAS**, on page 34 in rules the PC's should have to fill out the Candidate Disclosure and also have a performance evaluation; and,

**WHEREAS**, many constituents live in an orphan precinct where the PC is assigned and holds a position but never contacts the voter; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a disconnect between the rules and PC manual that the PC has more job duties than just voting; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are no checks and balances that any PC's are fulfilling all jobs listed in the PC training manual; and,

**WHEREAS**, that the grassroots people are not being reached; and,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention recommends that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee adopt rules for PC training so PCs understand their duties. All PC's must have training and understand that their job duties are more than voting on a reorganization for the county, Legislative District, county commissioner opening, etc., so that there is an excellent voter turnout for all elections and Idaho stays a red state.

# Resolution 2026-23

## Title: Resolution Affirming the Sovereign Authority of the State Over Local Government

**Submitted by:** Barbara Ehardt, Legislative District 33

**Presented by:** Barbara Ehardt, Legislative District 33

**WHEREAS**, government was instituted by the people, for the people, to protect the rights of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, all branches and levels of government are required to protect the rights of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the actual stated purpose of the legislative branch to protect the rights and property of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the State government is the constitutional check on the abuse of power by local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the base unit of government established by our founders was the family; and

**WHEREAS**, power is inherent in the people and the people created the State, and the State created the Federal Government, and the State created the counties and cities; and

**WHEREAS**, under the established legal principle known as Dillon's Rule, local governments are political subdivisions created by the State as a matter of administrative convenience, possessing only those powers expressly granted to them by the State constitution and the legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the creator inherently retains authority over the creation, meaning the sovereign power of the State naturally supersedes the subordinate, delegated authority of local jurisdictions whenever a conflict of law arises; and

**WHEREAS**, it is ultimately a disservice for the State GOP to support the deferment of power from the State to local governments, primarily municipalities, where the elected officials are considered non-partisan and thus are removed from the governing principles of the State Republican Party; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho Republican Convention hereby affirms that because local jurisdictions are entirely creatures of the State, the statutory and sovereign authority of the state government is paramount and stands at all times as the supreme governing structure over all counties and municipalities.