



## **Proposed Resolutions from the Sheridan County Republican Party**

The Sheridan County Resolutions Committee presumed that the State Resolutions Committee will be removing outdated resolutions from those approved in 2018. The red text below includes all newly approved and proposed resolutions from the Sheridan County Republican Party Delegation during our 4 Apr 2020 County Convention.

### **1SC.) Legislature Not to be Overridden by Courts**

WHEREAS the Wyoming Legislature establishes the source and amount of taxation for support of the state government, and

WHEREAS there is a limitation in the amount of taxation that the Wyoming people can be taxed without damaging the economic health of the state, and

WHEREAS there is separation in the Wyoming and US constitutions between the courts and legislative branches,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Constitution be amended to specify that the adequacy of funding for all state institutions is the duty of the Legislature and shall not be infringed on by the courts.

### **2SC.) Amend the Republican Party Bylaws**

WHEREAS the Republican party is a grass roots organization and the party by caucus vote chooses the party platform that defines the principles for which the party stands,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party amend its bylaws to include" the Republican party has the right to limit or withhold support for candidates who have a public record of voting in opposition to the State of WY Republican platform."

### **3SC.) Second Amendment Sanctuary State**

WHEREAS the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution reads "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."; and

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court, in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court, in McDonald v. Chicago, 561 U.S. 742 (2010), affirmed that the right of an individual to "keep and bear arms," as protected under the Second Amendment, is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment against the states; and

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court, in United States v. Miller, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), opined that firearms that are part of ordinary military equipment, or with use that could contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second Amendment; and



WHEREAS Article 17, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Wyoming reads "The militia of the state shall consist of all able-bodied qualified residents of the state, and those nonresidents who are accepted into service, between the ages of seventeen (17) and seventy (70) years; except those exempted by the law of the United States or of the state. But all residents having scruples of conscience averse to bearing arms shall be excused there from upon conditions as shall be prescribed by law."; and

WHEREAS Article I, section 24, of the constitution of the State of Wyoming reads "The right of citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and of the state shall not be denied."; and

WHEREAS certain legislation that has or may be introduced in the Wyoming legislature, and certain legislation which has or may be introduced in the United States Congress could have the effect of infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 24 of the Constitution of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS the State of Wyoming is concerned about the passage of any bill containing language which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Wyoming to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS the Wyoming Republican Party wishes that the Wyoming State Legislature express its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of Wyoming to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS the Wyoming Republican Party wishes to express opposition to any law, or any bylaw, policy, rule or regulation developed by any publicly funded institution, that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of Wyoming to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS the Wyoming Republican Party wishes the Wyoming Legislature to express its intent to stand as a Sanctuary State for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wyoming, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens of Wyoming to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power to appropriate public funds, the right to petition for redress of grievances, and the power to direct the law enforcement and employees of Any County to refrain from enforcing any unconstitutional law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Wyoming legislature declares the sovereign state of Wyoming, as a "Second Amendment Sanctuary", and

- That the Wyoming legislature expresses its intent to uphold the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Wyoming, and
- That the Wyoming legislature expresses its intent that public funds of the state not be used to restrict the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of the state of Wyoming, or to aid federal or state agencies in the restriction of said rights, and
- That the Wyoming legislature declares its intent to oppose any infringement on the right of citizens to keep and bear arms using such legal means as may be expedient, including, without limitation, court action.

#### **4SC.) Primary Crossover Time Limit**

WHEREAS the purpose of the Wyoming Primary is to allow the political parties to choose candidates that best represent the platform and values of the party whose name they use, and



WHEREAS each political party exists to put forth candidates that support their platforms,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, only voters registered as Republican by January 1 or persons not previously registered with any Party in the year of the election be allowed to vote in the Republican Primary.

### **5SC.) Shelter in Place Orders**

WHEREAS the Wyoming State Constitution article 1 section 6 states “no person shall be deprived of life liberty or property without due process of law” and,

WHEREAS the Wyoming State Constitution article 1 section 7 states “Absolute power over the lives, liberty, and property of freemen exists nowhere in a republic, not even in the largest majority” and,

WHEREAS the Wyoming Republican Party Platform states “Liberty is indivisible from economic freedom. The free market economy is the economic system most compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and constitutional government. Government’s undue interference in the market, as well as the fiscal irresponsibility of government, results in economic inequity”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheridan County Republican Party opposes “shelter in place” orders or any other orders which infringe on the rights of Wyoming citizens except in emergency situations where the lives and safety of citizens are at stake.

### **6SC.) Resolution by RWSC and WFRW Protecting the Unborn**

WHEREAS the first timeless truth stated in the Wyoming Republican Party platform is that “all individuals are endowed by their Creator from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death with the rights to Life, Liberty, Property, and the Pursuit of Happiness,” and

WHEREAS governments are instituted to secure unalienable rights, and

WHEREAS “it is the purpose of government is to protect these rights for all including babies born or unborn.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Wyoming law must apply the right to life for babies that survive the abortion attempt and all Republican candidates running for office or elected to office must support legislation protecting babies right to life.

### **7SC.) Wyoming Early Childhood Education**

WHEREAS the methods used to advance Wyoming early childhood education legislation were at odds with the Wyoming Constitution.

WHEREAS during the 2014 legislature, two early childhood education bills failed in the House, the substance of one bill (HB 26) was then incorporated into the appropriation bill. Wyoming Constitution does not allow for legislating in the budget but calls for single-topic legislation and for the appropriation bill to be limited to the ordinary expenses of the government. (Article 3 Section 34 “...The general appropriation bills shall embrace nothing but appropriations for the ordinary expenses...” and Article 3 Section 24 “Bill to contain only one subject, which shall be expressed in the title...”)

WHEREAS rather than bring a separate bill, the 2019 supplemental appropriation bill was used to fundamentally change the grant program by moving it from Department of Family Services (DFS) to Department of Education (DOE).

WHEREAS the 2019 introduction version of the appropriation bill stated the DOE was tasked with "...ensure all children ages birth through age five are adequately prepared for success in school and life..." This does not coincide with Republican Party Platform "Family Values" that the family "...is the authority on how to provide children with the education..." where families, not government, choose the best paths for children.

WHEREAS the move from DFS to DOE was eliminated in the 2019 Senate supplemental appropriation bill, but the House vote was taken after false information was stated and not corrected. The question was asked in both chambers if this budget item included child development centers. In the Senate an accurate answer was given that it does not, but in the House, an inaccurate answer was given and the vote was taken. This should have been corrected especially since many house members are educators.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Wyoming Republican Party calls on Legislature, the Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to remove early childhood education unless it is passed following the methods in line with Wyoming Constitution.

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