

Resolutions

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The Temporary Resolutions Committee
to the
The Permanent Resolutions Committee
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Williamson County Republican Party Convention

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RESOLUTION #1

Accept the 2008 State Republican Party Platform as the basis of the resolutions for this Convention.

RESOLUTION #2

Abolish Unconstitutional “Czars” – We urge the Congress to use their full Constitutional authority provided in Article I, Section I, of the U.S. Constitution, to abolish Executive department czars in order to return the United States of America to the Republic upon which it was originally founded.

Pg 8, insert after “**Limited Federal Powers**”

RESOLUTION #3

Congressional Equality – All laws passed by Congress shall apply equally to the Congress and the people.

Pg 8, insert after “**Constitutional Citations**”

RESOLUTION #4

Pledge of Allegiance in Public Schools – Students should be taught flag etiquette and should be led daily in English; the pledge of allegiance, the Texas Pledge, the National Anthem, and other patriotic songs to ensure that the loyal and patriotic spirit of Texan and American heritage is preserved.

Pg 18, amend “**Pledge of Allegiance in Public Schools**”

RESOLUTION #5

~~**Global Warming**~~ **Climate Change** – We oppose taxes levied and regulations imposed based on the alleged threat of ~~global warming~~ climate change. We urge the US Senate to vote **NO** on **Cap-and-Trade** and **Congress as a whole** to reject all efforts to use climate change as a pretext to increase Federal revenues. We urge the US Congress to block EPA regulation limiting “green house gas” emissions.

Pg 21, amend “**Global Warming**”

RESOLUTION #6

The Community Reinvestment Act – We call for the repeal of the Community Reinvestment Act in its entirety. The Federal government does not have Constitutional authority to provide “affordable housing”.

Pg 8, insert after “**Limited Federal Powers**”

RESOLUTION #7

Limited Federal Powers – ~~We support state sovereignty reserved under the Tenth Amendment and oppose mandates beyond the scope of federal authority.~~ The Republican Party of Texas calls upon the Legislature to pass a JOINT RESOLUTION to amend the Texas Constitution to clearly establish Texas’ right of sovereignty as provided under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and that Texas demands that the federal government cease and desist mandates that are beyond the scope of the those powers specifically defined in the U.S. Constitution as amended and send notice thereof to the federal government. We further support abolition of Federal agencies involved in activities not originally delegated to the federal government under a strict interpretation of the Constitution.

Pg 8, amend “**Limited Federal Powers**”

RESOLUTION #8

Repeal the 17th Amendment – We oppose the 17th Amendment of the Constitution and demand that it be overturned by further amendment, in order to rescind the election of Senators by general election and empower the state legislature as originally intended by our forefathers, to elect the Senators to the U.S. Congress.

Pg 8, insert after “**Limited Federal Powers**”

RESOLUTION #9

Sheriff Authority – In order to restore our Constitutional Republic and hence restore a meaningful and reliable system of “checks and balances”, the Republican Party of Texas proposes and supports “Sheriffs First” legislation. “Sheriffs First” being an Act regulating arrests, searches, and seizures by federal employees; providing that federal employees shall obtain the county sheriff’s permission to arrest, search, or seize; providing for prosecution of federal employees in violation of this Act; rejecting federal laws purporting to give federal employees the authority of a county sheriff in the State of Texas; and providing an immediate effective date.

Pg 8, insert after “**Law Enforcement**”

RESOLUTION #10 (see endnote 1)

Federal Reserve Corporation M3 Report - The Republican Party of Texas calls for the continuation of the publishing of the M3 report by the *Federal Reserve Corporation of Virginia*.

Pg 8, insert before “**Continuity of Government**”

RESOLUTION #11 (see endnote 2)

End the FED - The Republican Party of Texas calls for the repeal of the Federal Reserve Act, the abolishment of the Federal Reserve System, and a return to a commodity-backed currency as soon as is practical; and we further call for the immediate legalization of competing currencies and the repeal of all taxation and regulation on voluntary transactions between citizens using alternate currencies such as gold and silver; and we call for the immediate publication to the people of all records and data relating to the actions and decisions of the Board of directors of the *Federal Reserve Corporation of Virginia*, its related agencies, and the President's Working Group on Financial Markets

Pg 8, insert before “**Continuity of Government**”

RESOLUTION #12

~~Environment, Property Ownership, and Natural Resources~~ – We reaffirm our belief in the constitutional concept of the right to own property without governmental interference. We believe that property ownership is the source of the nation’s wealth; free enterprise forms the foundation of our collective wealth; local stewardship of our natural resources is best; sound science trumps politically correct science; groundwater is a vested ownership right; the state should not abridge or deny our inalienable property and mineral rights; in state control of state resources; ~~in opposing nationalization of lands and watersheds; in opposing conservation easements on our natural resources administered by organizations unaccountable to voters; in opposing vast acquisition of Texas land by government agencies to protect endangered species; in allowing states to consider costs when comparing emission control techniques; in election of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality chairman; and in eliminating the Endangered Species Act.~~

Property Ownership – We reaffirm our belief in the constitutional concept of the right to own property without governmental interference. We believe that property ownership and free enterprise form the foundation of the nation’s wealth. We believe that groundwater and mineral rights are vested ownership rights.

Pg 9, amend by replacement

RESOLUTION #13

A CLEANER, SAFER, HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT – We value the conservation of clean air and water, healthy forests and oceans, and abundant wildlife. We embrace sound scientific research, strong economic development, and best business practices to produce innovative environmental technology; to develop new job opportunities; to reduce excessive polluting emissions and; to create alternative and renewable American energy without government intervention. We believe that local, private and public, stewardship of our lands, natural resources and watersheds is best.

Pg 9 insert after “Environment, Property Ownership and Natural Resources”

RESOLUTION #14

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT – We call for Congress to repeal the Endangered Species Act of 1972, as it is not authorized in Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

Pg 9 insert after “Environment, Property Ownership and Natural Resources”

RESOLUTION #15

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY – We call for the election of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality commissioners.

Pg 9 insert after “Environment, Property Ownership and Natural Resources”

RESOLUTION #16

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS – When conservation easements are placed on our natural resources, they should be administered by organizations accountable to voters.

Pg 9 insert after “Environment, Property Ownership and Natural Resources”

RESOLUTION #17

Redistricting – We urge the adoption of an “apolitical” process of redistricting, similar to that currently employed by the state of Iowa.

Pg 10, insert after “**Fair Election Procedures**”,

RESOLUTION #18

Pro-Life and Ultrasound – A woman seeking an abortion should undergo a mandatory ultrasound prior to the abortion and be allowed to view her developing baby, so she can make a fully informed decision about continuing the procedure.

Pg 13, insert before “**Choose Life**”

RESOLUTION #19

Open Carry of Firearms - We call upon the legislature to authorize the peaceful open possession of a firearm by law-abiding Texans and by visitors from states offering a reciprocity provision in their laws. This should be in addition to the Concealed Handgun License currently available. Open Carry law should be less restrictive than is a Concealed Handgun License.

Pg 18, insert after “**Right to Keep and Bear arms**”

RESOLUTION #20

Abolish Gun Free Zones in Texas – The Republican Party of Texas stands opposed to government imposed Gun Free Zones.

Pg 18, insert after “**Right to Keep and Bear Arms**”

RESOLUTION #21

Fiscal Responsibility Conservatism – We urge state and federal legislators to reduce spending. We urge a commission composed of citizens and business owners to identify cost saving and reduction in State government. We also support a “cap” on government spending at all levels, with adjustments based only on average family income and population change.

Pg 20, amend “**Fiscal Responsibility**”

RESOLUTION #22

Proper Use of Dedicated Revenues – State and Federal revenues shall only be expended to serve the purpose for which they were collected, and furthermore any surplus revenues thereof shall not be allocated to the General Fund. The Republican Party of Texas will encourage the Legislature and Congressional Delegation to adopt legislation accordingly.

Pg 20, insert after “**Fiscal Responsibility**”

RESOLUTION #23

Toll Road Management – Each local use section of toll roads in Central Texas, when paid for will become a free road or be sent to a vote of the people to extend the tolls for the purpose of improvement or expansion of the toll system in that local use section. Tolls collected on any local use section shall only be used on that local use section.

Pg 21, insert before “**Tolls on Existing Roads**”

RESOLUTION #24

Right-to-Work – We oppose the employee Free Choice Act, Card Check, and any action that eliminates the secret ballot. Every worker should have the freedom to work in their preferred job without being forced to join or pay dues to any organization. Our Right-to-Work Law has provided this freedom and a good climate for industrial expansion, higher employment, and a stable management-labor relationship. ~~We encourage adoption of a National Right to Work Act.~~ If the Employee Free Choice Act should be passed by Congress, we strongly encourage the Governor of Texas to call a Special Session of the Texas Legislature to nullify the law as unconstitutional by limitations placed upon it by the 10th Amendment, thereof.

Pg 22, amend “**Right-to-Work**”

⁽¹⁾ **Federal Reserve M3 Report**

WHEREAS the M3 report is the broadest measure of how much money is circulating in the U.S. at any one time and is therefore the most comprehensive report to measure and monitor inflation in both the currency and the credit markets; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Reserve Corporation of Virginia Board of directors decided to stop publishing the M3 Report in March 2006 on the grounds that few people were using it, and that the cost of collecting the data outweighed the benefits; and

WHEREAS, the computer power and the information gathering acumen of the Federal Reserve is already in place to produce the M3 Report which adds a layer of transparency and accountability to an already illusive institution.

⁽²⁾ **End the FED**

WHEREAS the Republican Party of Texas "respects and cherishes the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution," and supports a vigorous, unregulated Free Market as the best method for determining Prices and Wages; and

WHEREAS the Founding Fathers well understood the dangers of a Fiat Currency System, and therefore the Constitution prescribes that the States may not "make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts;" and

WHEREAS the current Federal Reserve System mandates a Privately Controlled Fiat Currency and has allowed a Centralized Board of Bankers unaccountable to the American People to manipulate and control the value of the Currency and the Interest Rates; and

WHEREAS these United States holds a current total debt, including unfunded obligations, of 53 trillion dollars, or approximately \$440,000 per household according to the U.S. General Accounting Office; and

WHEREAS these practices have resulted in the debasement of the savings and wages of American Citizens, and have created an onerous "Inflation Tax";