

## **Resolutions**

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### **PREFACE**

**Our platform planks should be strong, clear assertions of the contemporary principles of our party membership. They should unite our membership under shared ideals rather than divide the membership with fractious detail.**

**These assertions should be tailored for brevity, clarity, unity, and to distinguish our positions from those of our opponents.**

**The platform has planks that define the principles of the Republican Party.**

## **PREAMBLE**

Affirming our belief in God, we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, Property, and the Pursuit of Happiness. We strive to preserve the freedom given to us by God, implemented by our Founding Fathers, and embodied in the Constitution. We recognize that the traditional family is the strength of our nation. It is our solemn duty to protect innocent life and develop responsible citizens. We understand that our economic success depends upon free market principles. If we fail to maintain our sovereignty, we risk losing the freedom to live these ideals.

## **PRINCIPLES**

We, the 2020 Williamson County Republican Party, believe in this platform and expect our elected leaders to uphold these truths through acknowledgement and action. We believe in:

### **1. THE PROPER ROLE OF GOVERNMENT**

- a) We believe government properly exists by the consent of the governed and must be restrained from abridging the rights and freedoms of its citizens.
- b) We believe one proper role of government is to establish and defend a free market system that preserves the individual's ability to improve his or her quality of life through productivity and personal achievement.
- c) We support the swift, balanced, and transparent administration of justice, including the consideration of the rights of victims or aggrieved parties.
- d) We believe government should preserve the integrity of our electoral process.

### **2. PRIVATE PROPERTY**

- a) We recognize the right of the individual to own property.
- b) We resist any effort by government to take private property without a demonstrable public need.
- c) We strongly oppose civil forfeiture of private property absent the conviction of its owners for a crime involving its use.

### **3. REAFFIRMATION OF STATES' RIGHTS**

- a) We oppose congressional, judicial, and executive abrogation of the principle that the powers not delegated to the Federal Government by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or the people.
- b) We oppose unreasonable and intrusive federal mandates. We recognize that any usurpation of State Sovereign Powers by the Federal Government should be corrected by the State Legislature and enforced by the Governor's office thus protecting Texas State Sovereignty.

### **4. ETHICS AND STANDARDS**

- a) We demand honesty, integrity, morality, and accountability of our public officials.
- b) We expect our Republican public officials to strongly and faithfully support our platform.
- c) We will work to expose and stop corruption.
- d) We reject the buying and selling of endorsements in all elections.
- e) We believe that both state and federal elected officials must be subject to the same laws, regulations and ordinances as their constituents.

### **5. NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

- a) We support a military force of sufficient strength and readiness to deter any threat to our national sovereignty or to the safety and freedom of our citizens.
- b) We support the Constitutional mandate to protect and secure our national borders, including construction of appropriate barriers.

- c) We oppose placement of United States troops under any foreign command, including the United Nations.
- d) We support lawful efforts of local law enforcement agencies to protect citizens in their homes and in their communities.
- e) We support capital punishment as a sentencing option for violent crimes.
- f) We support efforts in cyber-security to safeguard privacy, elections, intellectual property, and public safety.

## **6. SELF DEFENSE**

We support the constitutionally protected, natural and individual right of the people to keep and bear arms, which shall not be infringed.

## **7. FREEDOM OF RELIGION**

- a) We uphold freedom of religion for every citizen and expect the protection of government in securing to us this unalienable right.
- b) We affirm the right to religious expression, including prayer, in both private and public.
- c) We acknowledge that the Church is an essential God-ordained institution with a sphere of authority separate from that of civil government and thus the Church is not to be regulated, controlled or taxed by any level of civil government.

## **8. FAMILY VALUES**

- a) We recognize the family as the fundamental unit of society.
- b) We support the definition of marriage as a God-ordained, legal and moral commitment only between one natural man and one natural woman.
- c) We affirm that parents have the fundamental right and primary responsibility to direct the upbringing of their children and to provide nurturing care, discipline and training in moral values.

## **9. RIGHT TO LIFE**

We believe all innocent human life is sacred and must be protected from conception to natural death.

## **10. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

- a) We support requiring welfare recipients to work towards self-sufficiency.
- b) We reject the federal government mandating the purchase of any insurance or other products or penalizing the failure to do so.
- c) We support the social safety net for citizens with disabilities so as to help establish their independence, autonomy, and greater quality of life.

## **11. EQUALITY UNDER THE LAW**

- a) We believe that no citizen deserves nor requires special legal entitlements. All citizens should be considered equal under the law. Therefore, there should be no granting of special legal entitlements or creation of special status for any person, regardless of religion, race, age, or sex.
- b) We oppose any criminal or civil penalties against those who refuse to do business with any person out of faith, conviction, or belief in traditional values.

## **12. EDUCATION**

- a) We believe that all children should have access to quality education.
- b) Under the US Constitution, the power to regulate education is reserved exclusively to the States and to the people.
- c) Parents have the primary right and responsibility to educate their children.

- d) We support the right of parents to freely choose public, charter, private, parochial, or home schooling for their children.
- e) We support the right of parents to choose the specific public school that their children attend. No child should be forced to attend a failing school.
- f) We reject the imposition of federal education standards and the tying of any government funding to the adoption of federal education standards.
- g) We reject the intrusion of government in private, parochial or home schools.
- h) We affirm that the policies, procedures, curricula, assemblies, programs, activities, and finances of public education in Texas at all levels should be fully transparent.
- i) We believe in sole parental authority and responsibility regarding sex education of their children.
- j) We believe in the full and fair disclosure of school districts' health education, sex education, or mental health education programs, committees, or counseling.
- k) We believe that abortion providers and affiliates should be prohibited from providing any curriculum or instruction in schools.
- l) We support post-secondary skilled trade certificate and certification programs as a viable option for workforce development and economic vitality.

### **13. TAXATION**

- a) We support further simplification of federal tax systems, the elimination of the estate tax, elimination of all taxation marriage penalties, the indexing for inflation of all currently fixed IRS taxation thresholds, and broad-based tax rate reduction.
- b) We reject the imposition of a state income tax.
- c) We support all taxing authorities in their efforts to provide a meaningful cap on increasing property taxes and provide reasonable relief from property taxes through proportionate market-based homestead exemption amounts.
- d) We urge the repeal of the state franchise tax.

### **14. REGULATION**

Regulatory power now improperly exercised by the federal government must be eliminated and returned to state and local governments.

### **15. IMMIGRATION**

- a) We support legal immigration and oppose illegal immigration.
- b) We oppose granting government benefits to those illegally present in the US.
- c) We believe that current laws against employing illegal immigrants should be vigorously enforced.
- d) We support expeditiously deporting residents with expired visas.

### **16. INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY**

We affirm that individual liberty allows for the free exercise of a person's unalienable rights, as long as doing so does not infringe on the free exercise of those rights by another.