

# **2020 Resolutions of the Wyoming Republican Party**

## **Foreign Policy**

### **1. Defending the United States**

WHEREAS, a strong military is essential for national security;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party believes that the United States must defend against impending threats from all hostile nations, and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party insists that any institution of higher learning that accepts federal funds will accept ROTC programs and US military recruiters on campus, and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican party believes that the United States should support key technologies essential to US military preparedness by requiring that key military hardware and software be manufactured in the United States, and critical raw materials such as rare earth elements and uranium be mined and processed in the United States, and

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party believes war should be avoided when possible and, when other options do not exist, should be fought with clear objectives and end as soon as those goals are reached or become unobtainable.

### **2. Keep Guantanamo Bay Open**

WHEREAS, the war on Islamic terrorism will not end with the elimination of the Islamic State and will be ongoing for some time to come; and

WHEREAS, militants captured during this conflict are enemy combatants not common criminals and should be treated and interrogated as such;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay remain open.

### **3. Adequate Military Funding**

WHEREAS, the United States of America must remain a superpower with adequate personnel, armaments, technology and support persons;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party requires that, in military affairs, we must provide adequate funding to maintain a strong military for our national defense, with an armed force of high morale, integrity and a national commitment of support, with full funding of promised benefits, to serve as a deterrent to foreign aggression.

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### **4. Don't Ask, Don't Tell**

WHEREAS, the presence of on-duty, transgender or homosexual relationships in the military may greatly weaken the effectiveness of the military; and

WHEREAS, a vigorous pro-homosexual and pro-transgender agenda in the military may incite violence and therefore weaken the military; and

WHEREAS, social engineering and social experimentation have no proper place in the military environment; and

WHEREAS, a return to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy would mitigate the open perpetuation of homosexuals in the military;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the reinstatement of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy of the U.S. Armed Forces.

### **5. United Nations**

WHEREAS, the United States is a sovereign republic that is not and shall not be subordinated to any other government; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations is a socialistic organization working, in conjunction with other powers, known and unknown, to impose a one-world order; and

WHEREAS, we strongly oppose the subordination of the United States or US troops to any foreign or multinational organization, including the rendering of aid under the authority of the U.N.; and

WHEREAS, we oppose the United Nations Law of the Sea Treaty and the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS, education is needed to expose the negative impact United Nations Agendas have on a constitutional capitalist republic; and

WHEREAS, a one-world order deprives us of our national sovereignty, God-given rights, individual liberties, and personal dignity and property; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations fails to use sound science in many of its activities and programs, and seeks to destroy the United States' constitutional republic; and

WHEREAS, several portions of the UN Charter, such as Article 25 which states: "The Members of the United Nations agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the UN Security Council in accordance with the present Charter" potentially override the US Constitution;

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RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party oppose and resist all forms of United Nations agendas, now and in the future, such as Agenda 2030; and

RESOLVED, that we vehemently oppose any United Nations action designating the use of land, water or air within the borders of the U.S. since such designated uses cannot be done without appropriate congressional, state and local government approval; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports educating and warning the elected officials of local governments of Wyoming, as well as all elected State officials, regarding the encroachment activities initiated by the United Nations agendas and to defund them at all levels; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands that the sovereignty of the United States not be compromised or surrendered to any international organization; and

RESOLVED, that we do not adopt the United Nations Agenda 2030.

### **6. Oppose Establishment of USMCA Superhighway**

WHEREAS, the sovereignty of the United States would be at risk if a USMCA superhighway were constructed;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party strongly opposes both the treaty itself and enactment of any bill that would allow the construction of the USMCA superhighway, which would open the United States' borders with Canada and Mexico.

## **Energy**

### **1. Streamline and Simplify Energy Regulations, Permit Processes**

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Party supports reasonable and safe development of all natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Party recognizes the cost, time and regulatory difficulty of obtaining permits for mineral extraction on federal, state or private lands;

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the environmental impact study (EIS) [including NEPA processes to be dramatically streamlined to reduce said factors; and

RESOLVED, that this process shall include a reasonable cap on the EIS permitting timeframe; and

RESOLVED, that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permitting process of leasing, drilling and producing minerals should be dramatically simplified as well; and

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RESOLVED, that Wyoming Republicans call for the reversal of EPA regulations known as the Clean Power Plan; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for domestic energy exploration and production to proceed without Federal obstruction.

### **2. Energy Subsidies**

WHEREAS, it is the nature of government to be biased in selecting energy sources, to the detriment of our economy;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes subsidies for all energy sources; and  
RESOLVED by the Wyoming Republican Party supports improved energy production and infrastructure through construction of new refineries and power plants.

### **3. Support of Wyoming's Mineral Industry**

WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming has been blessed with abundant wealth in the form of minerals crucial to the benefit of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, coal, oil, gas, trona, bentonite, uranium, and rare earth minerals, among others, are important to our country's national security and industry; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming's extractive industries are under attack by well-funded international and domestic anti-energy environmental groups and unfriendly governments around the world in the name of so-called climate change; and

WHEREAS, the science is NOT "settled" as to the role of fossil fuels in any climate change model; and

WHEREAS, the United States is dependent on unstable regions and nations; and

WHEREAS, Various States have prohibited the transport of Wyoming coal through those states for shipment from their ports to markets in Asia, decimating the coal industry in Wyoming and Montana;

RESOLVED, that the state of Wyoming shall cease and desist the transmission of renewable energy to the states of California, Washington and Oregon pending their opening of west coast ports to the export of Wyoming coal; and

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RESOLVED, that the country should continue to develop our own resources to maintain our energy independence; and

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party supports the state of Wyoming continuing the fight for the right to ship Wyoming coal by rail to all ports including the Pacific Northwest. , and supports the Wyoming lawsuit against Washington state, and encourages federal actions to end the ban; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party fully supports the extractive industries in Wyoming, keenly aware that our minerals, and the people and infrastructure that deliver them, power our great country, serve our American industry, and support Wyoming's economy and the state's cities, towns, counties and schools.

### **4. Disposal of Wind Turbine and Solar Arrays**

WHEREAS, the useful life of a wind turbine is twenty years and then must then be disassembled and disposed; and

WHEREAS, the useful life of a photovoltaic module is twenty years or less; and

WHEREAS, the wind and solar industries have failed to adopt recycling mechanisms, re-use opportunities and is certainly not reducing the manufacture and installation of turbines; and

WHEREAS, old turbines are being dumped into Wyoming municipal landfills; and

WHEREAS, there exists no provision for the disposal, recycling, re-use or reduction of solar array components at the end of their useful lives; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Party bemoans the failure of the state senate for its failure to hear HB 217 (Loucks);

RESOLVED, no person, corporate entity or political subdivision of the State of Wyoming shall place obsolete wind turbines or solar arrays, in whole or in part, into any Wyoming solid waste facility, municipal or commercial, without having previously fully bonded, and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, with the state of Wyoming for such disposal.

### **5. Wind Energy and Taxation**

WHEREAS, the State prohibition on eminent domain for wind collector systems has expired, and the Wyoming Republican Party supports protecting private property rights; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive, statewide, aggregate information about Wyoming's wind and solar power costs, environmental impacts, and where the electricity generated by Wyoming wind and

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sun actually goes, is currently unavailable to the citizens of Wyoming, even as the rapid wind and solar farm expansion continues;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports prohibiting the use of eminent domain for wind collection systems; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports making all taxes, including severance, for wind energy equivalent with mineral taxes; and

RESOLVED, by the Wyoming Republican Party desires: That the citizens of Wyoming shall be informed through an annual report presented to the public from the wind turbine and solar industries regarding the location, size, type, ownership, and composition of commercial wind and solar facilities including power plant country of origin.

### **6. OPPOSING THE EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING MIGRATION CORRIDORS**

WHEREAS, an executive order has been issued in Wyoming which has the possibility of limiting the exploration and development of our natural resources and endangering the economy of western Wyoming;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes any and all executive orders such as, The Executive Order 2020-1, the Wyoming Mule Deer and Antelope Migration Corridor Protection Order, and any executive order that would expand government overreach for cervid migration routes or game bird habitat.

## **Immigration and Immigrants**

### **1. Immigration Reform**

WHEREAS, illegal aliens are by definition breaking the law; and

WHEREAS, the driving force of illegal immigration is the failure of countries of origin to create conditions in which their people can thrive;

RESOLVED, laws should always be enforced for the safety and wellbeing of the citizenry and also for those who enter this nation legally; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands limiting passage across our borders to legal crossing points, and using necessary means to secure the borders and our national sovereignty, including border fencing, electronic surveillance, and increased border patrols including the State's use of National Guard in problem areas; and

RESOLVED, that law enforcement in the United States be required to turn over illegal aliens convicted of felonies to ICE for deportation after completion of any sentences; and

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RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party supports a federal law whereby the granting of automatic United States Citizenship by birth is only to an individual born of at least one United States citizen or a legal resident; and

RESOLVED, that blanket amnesty for illegal aliens be perpetually outlawed; and

RESOLVED, that federal agencies be required to share with each other information on illegal aliens that would lead to the deportation of illegal aliens, rather than supporting them through our taxpayer- funded programs; and

RESOLVED, that any state or local law enforcement agency or officer be allowed to ask the legal status of criminal suspects and to aid the federal government in the deportation of criminal illegal aliens; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the strict enforcement of existing visa laws; and

RESOLVED, that no action should be taken by the Governor related to the federal refugee resettlement program without prior consultation and consent from local governments throughout the state.

### **2. Subsidies for Illegal Immigrants**

WHEREAS, unrestricted immigration is an economic and national security threat to the United States;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party does not support any legislation or action, including the issuance of Social Security numbers, which would allow illegal immigrants access to work or government benefits or citizenship to babies born to illegal immigrants on US Soil.

### **3. New Citizens Must Adopt Constitution and Assimilate**

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party believes that those seeking US citizenship must adopt the Constitution as the supreme law of the land and should assimilate themselves to the United States of America.

### **4. Sanctuary Cities for illegal immigration**

WHEREAS, “Sanctuary city” is a term that is applied by some to cities in the United States to prevent the apprehensions and prosecution of illegal and undocumented aliens under the Immigration Laws of the United States,

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls upon all Wyoming cities, towns, counties, and other political subdivisions as statutorily created municipalities, organizations, or educational institutions to reject designation as a sanctuary. The state of Wyoming will not provide funding for any such city political subdivisions, organization or educational institutions that adopts a sanctuary policy.

### **5. Grant Persecuted Christians Refugee Status After Comprehensive Vetting**

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WHEREAS, refugees are different from illegal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, persecuted Christians are denied refugee status worldwide;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party will welcome persecuted Christians after a reliable vetting process.

### **6. English as the official language of the U.S.**

WHEREAS, the ability of a country's citizenry to communicate is essential; and,

WHEREAS, multiple languages being spoken cause a breakdown of communication, and is divisive;

RESOLVED, that in the spirit of unity, the official language of the United States of America should be English.

### **7. H1b Visa fairness**

WHEREAS, the H1b Visa program is being abused by employers to avoid hiring US citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is currently less expensive for the employer to hire an H1b Visa holder than an American citizen;

RESOLVED, that an employer of a H1b Visa holder must pay the same taxes, fees and other expenses equivalent to hiring a US citizen.

## **Jobs and Economy**

### **1. Minimum Wage**

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes all state and federal government actions which may dictate salaries, minimum or maximum wages, income levels, or price controls to any citizen.

### **2. Estate and Inheritance Tax ("Death Tax")**

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Party opposes undue and unfair taxation;

RESOLVED, that the federal estate and inheritance tax, i.e. "death tax," should be rescinded.

### **3. Unemployment Benefits**

WHEREAS, many people receive unemployment benefits for excessive periods of time; and

WHEREAS, excessive unemployment benefits reduce the incentive to improve job skills;

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party supports limiting unemployment benefits to six consecutive months.



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### **4. Private Development of Infrastructure**

WHEREAS, the development of affordable infrastructure, including telecommunications, is of critical importance to the economy of businesses and citizens; and

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party supports the private sector promotion and development of “state of the art” infrastructure, including telecommunications, for businesses and citizens without government subsidies.

### **5. Eliminate Public Ownership Of Business and Commerce**

WHEREAS, federal ownership of large corporations is not conducive to freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, history has shown government ownership of business results in oppression and devastation to a free market; now therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the elimination of federal government or Federal Reserve ownership of any private entity or business.

### **6. Social Security Benefits Reserved to Vested Contributors**

WHEREAS, Social Security is a nationalized pension and disability fund paid through wage deductions of American Workers; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government funds numerous entitlement and assistance programs;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party believes that Social Security funds should be provided only to U.S. citizens and their families who have contributed and become vested in the Social Security System; and

RESOLVED, that all monies paid into Social Security should go into the Social Security fund and not the General Fund, nor can neither the federal government nor any private entity borrow from the Social Security fund.

### **7. Employment Quotas**

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party opposes all government mandated employment quotas or demographic goals in both private enterprise and the public sector.

### **8. Repeal of Dodd-Frank**

WHEREAS, the Dodd-Frank Bill picks winners and losers, declares chosen banks and companies as too-big-to fail, therefore destroying free-market principles and fairness under the law;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for its repeal or nullification.

### **9. Pensions for Persons Elected to Federal Offices**

RESOLVED, the pensions for persons elected to federal offices be limited to 60% of active salary and limited to a period of one year for each year served.

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### **10. Medications Manufactured Overseas**

WHEREAS, many individuals are dependent upon prescription medication to maintain health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, out of country manufacturing of medications leads to national dependency on those countries who produce them;

RESOLVED, that our medications should be manufactured in the United States of America or its territories; and

RESOLVED, that our United States should never be put in a position to be dependent on other countries.

## **Crime and Law**

### **1. Constitutionality of Bills**

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party requires that all legislation, federal and state, be within the constraints of both the Wyoming and United States Constitutions, consistent with their original meaning, and that all bills shall cite, upon presentation, where in the US or Wyoming Constitution such action is authorized.

### **2. End Unreasonable Search and Seizure of Citizens' Data Without A Search Warrant**

WHEREAS, the National Security Administration has been found to spy on American citizens via telephone, the Internet and drones; and

WHEREAS, Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) calls for retaining information and data on students, which is not academic; and

WHEREAS, the 4th Amendment to the US Constitution guarantees the right of the people to be secure against unreasonable searches except for probable cause;

RESOLVED, that the National Security Administration or any other governmental agency must immediately cease and desist from all such unconstitutional surveillance activities of United States citizens.

### **3. BLM and US Forest Service Restriction of Law Enforcement**

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (U.S.F.S.) currently exercise law enforcement authority; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming contains lands supervised by the BLM and the U.S.F.S.; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the State of Wyoming have elected and empowered County and State law enforcement officials and agencies to exercise such representative law enforcement authority; and

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WHEREAS, local, County and State law enforcement personnel are the most familiar with the people, culture, and lands within the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, local, County and State law enforcement personnel and agencies have the capacity to resolve law enforcement issues within their jurisdictions in the most expedient manner and at the lowest level of legal force; and

WHEREAS, the BLM and U.S.F.S. are exercising unrepresentative and unlawful law enforcement authority within the jurisdictions of local, County, and State lands;

RESOLVED, That the Wyoming Republican Party does hereby support legislative action to codify the elimination of law enforcement authority and use of weapons from the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, and limit the exercise of law enforcement authority to local, County and State law enforcement agencies elected by and representative of the citizens of the localities, Counties, and State of Wyoming.

### **4. Child Pornography and Sex Trafficking**

WHEREAS, sex crimes against minors and sex trafficking are among the most barbaric and heinous crimes committed;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports cooperation of the federal government with international agencies, without abdicating our sovereign rights and responsibilities to prosecute all child sex crimes against minors to the fullest extent of Wyoming and US statutes; and

RESOLVED, the Republican Party believes that the state, local, and federal governments and the Wyoming authorities with the United States should work together to detect and prevent humans from being used in sex trafficking; and prosecute sexual traffickers to the fullest extent of the U. S. law; and

RESOLVED, that individuals convicted of sex crimes against minors or sex trafficking in Wyoming serve their full sentence without any possibility of parole.

### **5. No Red Flag Law- Support to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment**

WHEREAS the interstate travel of Wyoming citizens in these United States is commonplace and regulations restricting Second Amendment rights and their Second Amendment rights have been infringed;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports constitutional carry by Wyoming citizens within the border of the United States; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the Second Amendment, and opposes any and all governmental restrictions on ownership of firearms, ammunition and related accessories by qualified Wyoming citizens as described by the Heller decision. The reporting of non-criminals to the NICS systems should be prevented, and believes in the reciprocity of open-

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and concealed-carry laws in the United States and believes in the elimination of gun-free zones; and

RESOLVED, that Wyoming legislators immediately pass legislation to extend constitutional-carry laws to all college and university campuses in Wyoming; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes generation; and maintenance of any records of qualified Wyoming citizens ownership of guns and ammunition; and

RESOLVED, that no firearms may be confiscated, without due process; and

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; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party Strongly opposes all taxes related to the purchase of Firearms, Ammunition and their Components.

### **6. No Grants of Special Rights or Privileges**

WHEREAS, granting special rights to anyone based on their choice of lifestyle elevates those persons to a privileged status and therefore a form of segregation;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party insists that those who engage in alternative lifestyles have the basic rights and protections of American citizens but that no special rights or privileges be granted.

### **7. Powers of the Sheriff, Primary Law Enforcement Official**

WHEREAS, Amendment X to the U.S. Constitution declares, ‘the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people,’; and

WHEREAS, the county sheriff does not work for the federal government but rather is elected by the People of his county to serve them as their chief law enforcement officer within the jurisdictional limits of the county;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party recognizes as a matter of law that the duly elected Sheriff in every Wyoming county is the authoritative law enforcement Officer in that county.

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### **8. Voter Registration Enhancements**

WHEREAS, the law does not currently require sufficient proof of identity or citizenship when voting in municipal, county, state and federal elections;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports legislation to require all voters in any election to provide proof of citizenship and residency upon voter registration and also State approved photo identification at the polling place.

### **9. Legalization of Marijuana**

WHEREAS, State elected officials are being petitioned to legalize the sale of marijuana in the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, TITLE 97, Wyoming Constitution, ARTICLE 7, Education; State Institutions; Promotion of Health and Morals; Public Buildings, Section 20. Duty of legislature to protect and promote health and morality of people. States the Wyoming Legislature "... it shall be the duty of the legislature to protect and promote these vital interests by such measures for the encouragement of temperance and virtue, and such restrictions upon vice and immorality of every sort, as are deemed necessary to the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, such legalization would adversely impact on the character and behavior of our society; and

WHEREAS, such legalization would create administrative problems relative to the sale and control of such substances; and

WHEREAS, such legalization would create an additional factor jeopardizing highway safety;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party hereby opposes the legalized sale of marijuana in the State of Wyoming and urge a review and possible recodification of the existing classification definition and sentencing structure of Wyoming statutes dealing with marijuana.

### **10. Opposing Civil Asset Forfeiture**

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Party supports private property rights; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement has the ability to take a citizen's money or property that is suspected to have been involved in a crime before the citizen is charged with the crime;

RESOLVED, law enforcement shall return the confiscated money or property to the citizen immediately if the citizen is not charged with the crime, so that the citizen does not need to sue for return of the confiscated property; and

RESOLVED, law enforcement shall not confiscate a citizen's money or property unless said money or property is directly involved in the alleged crime.

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## **Government**

### **1. Repeal the Affordable Care Act; Medical Care Reforms**

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the immediate repeal or nullification of the Affordable Care Act and the defunding of all departments and agencies that were created; and

RESOLVED, that to reduce the cost of health care and health care insurance the Wyoming Republican Party calls for tort reform, health insurance portability and allowing for the purchase of health insurance across state lines via the passage of a federal law in Congress; and

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party calls upon the members of the United States Congress to act accordingly in defense of First Amendment rights, states' rights, rights of conscience, and freedom of religion.

### **3. Single Issue Legislation**

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Party believes that earmarks cause budgetary inflation and allow special interests to hide behind larger issues;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the Congress of the United States to pass single issue legislation immediately for all bills.

### **3. Federal Agency Rule-Making Curtailment**

WHEREAS, the federal government issues a large number of rules every year through bureaucratic rule making; and

WHEREAS, Congress was elected by the people to represent them in their legislative rights;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for reducing the rule-making authority of federal agencies and that any rules - current, past and future - promulgated by federal agencies must first be approved by Congress before taking effect; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports congressional action to limit Chevron deference, that is, “that courts should defer to agency interpretation of such statutes unless they are unreasonable” (Wex Legal Dictionary) given to regulatory agencies.

### **4. No Wyoming Income taxes**

RESOLVED, The Wyoming Republican Party strongly opposes the creation of any state personal or corporate income tax and urges the Wyoming Legislature to introduce legislation for an amendment to prohibit such taxes.

### **5. Electoral College**

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party Supports and celebrates the National Electoral College System in its Constitutional form and rejects any changes to the electoral system.

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### **6. Call for an Audit of the Federal Government: REPUBLIC REVIEW**

WHEREAS, The Wyoming Republican Party calls upon the Wyoming Legislature to pass legislation that will lead the Republic in establishing an audit of the general government based upon the Constitution for the United States;

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of Wyoming review all roles, responsibilities and powers being exercised by the general government to confirm that they were properly delegated to the general government by the States through the Constitutional Compact and that the State of Wyoming call upon all States in the Republic to participate in the audit process to enforce the Constitution; and

RESOLVED, that once a sufficient number of States have called for Republic Review and the roles, responsibilities and powers have been reviewed and those which do not pass the test of the Constitution have been identified, the States call for Congress in Directive Resolutions to Dismantle or schedule the Decommissioning of these roles, responsibilities and powers or go through the amendment process to have them properly presented to the States for their ratification or dismissal; and

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of Wyoming also audit all assertions and assumptions whether by ruling, act, law, regulation, statue, or order that are contrary to the descriptions, elucidations, and definitions of our founding documents and that they be identified as violations to the compact and that these rulings, acts, laws, regulations, statues, or orders be reversed or nullified and of no force.

### **7. In Opposition to ‘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 is 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”;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party does not support “shelter in place” orders. Nor any other orders which infringe on the rights of its citizens.

### **8. In Support of the Current Composition of the United States Supreme Court**

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WHEREAS, there have been calls by the political left to expand the number of justices on the Supreme Court of the United States, some calling to increase the number from nine to 11, or 15, or even 59; and

WHEREAS, the SCOTUS is, and should be, non-political - yet many Americans today view the Supreme Court as a political institution, and adding or subtracting justices on a whim would only exacerbate that perception; and

WHEREAS, political plans to expand the size of the court are a direct, immediate threat to the independence of the federal judiciary; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the current SCOTUS membership of nine justices, and urges the Wyoming delegation to Washington, D.C. to vigorously oppose any and all efforts to increase SCOTUS membership.

### **9. Reapportionment of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming**

Whereas, the Founders of our nation, meeting in Philadelphia in 1787, after due consideration of the relative merits of Democracies and Republics, presented the nation with the most successful form of government yet devised by man, their Republic: *The Constitution of the United States of America*, and

Whereas, their ingenious system was a collection of concise but detailed information of checks and balances upon the power of the branches of government, directed at giving the majority its rights, but providing due deference to minorities; and

Whereas, the government could have never been formed without enfranchising both the people and their property ... a problem which they solved in the way that they made up the Congress, a compromise which resulted in the equal representation of the States in the Senate (no matter how small) and the guaranteed representation of each State (no matter how small) in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the national model provided by the Founders for successful government lay in recognizing distinct political entities solving distinct local problems, such as those known to the Founders to be manifested in the diverse original 13 Colonies, was subsequently venerated as a viable model for the make-up of State governments; and

Whereas, the Federal Constitution guarantees under Article IV Section 4 to each State ... “a Republican Form of Government” ... it is undeniable that the Forefathers of the State of Wyoming in 1890 were correct in deciding that the political subdivisions of this State, namely the Counties, were entitled, following the Federal model, to enfranchise each County with two Senators and at least one Representative in the House of Representatives in the Wyoming State Legislature; and

Whereas, Washakie County from 1911 to 1992 was considered its own Legislative District with its own State Senator and one Representative in the Wyoming House of Representatives; and



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Whereas, the Supreme Court “Warren Court” of the United States of America in the mid-1960s misapplied their ruling under the 14th Amendment in Reynolds v. Sims, 377 U.S. 533, as was proven by the dissenting opinion of Justice John Marshall Harlan II, when they ruled that the 14th Amendment required the Senates of State Legislatures be apportioned on the basis of population rather than on the basis of political subdivisions ... the Counties; and

Whereas, the imposition of Federal Court Ordered reapportionment of State Legislatures is beyond argument a tyranny of the Federal Government, the child of the States, being imposed upon its Father and Superior, the Sovereign States; and

Whereas, it is impossible to conceive and historically inaccurate to believe that the States would have ratified an Amendment to the Constitution in July 9, 1868 that repealed their ability to apportion their Legislatures; and

Whereas, the unintended consequence of this Federal meddling has resulted in the fragmentation of the County system of government and the loss of the representation and understanding of the distinct and unique problems of large areas of the State, not to mention the chaos of gerrymandered voting districts; and

Whereas, this solution re-enfranchises rural areas, instantly does away with the present grotesquely gerrymandered Wyoming legislative districts, gives manifestly fair representation to all parties and restores Our republican form of government; and

Whereas, we respectfully request the Legislature of the State of Wyoming to apportion our Legislature, following the model of representation in the Federal system in the Congress of the United States of America and asserting the Guarantee of a Republican form of government as described in Article IV Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States of America so that: The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming shall consist only of two Senators with a two (2) year Terms from each County of this State; and The members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming shall consist of at least 60 members with a two (2) year term and shall be adjudicated County by County on the basis that the number of citizens in each county bears to the population of the whole State of Wyoming, provided that no member may represent the citizens of more than one county, further that each county shall have at least one representative in the Legislature and provided further that no county may have more than 10 representatives; and

RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party strongly urges the Legislature of the State of Wyoming to assert their Duties as the guardians of the rights of the citizens of this great state and appoint a special committee to draft and work to pass a new law that will return the apportionment of the Legislature County by County as required by the current Constitution of the State of Wyoming, Article 3 Section 3.

### **10. Party Affiliation**

WHEREAS, a crossover loophole exists for party affiliation changes in Wyoming State Statutes;

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RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party seeks a change in voter registration procedures whereby voters will not be allowed to change their party affiliation between the time periods starting with the opening of filing for county, state, or federal offices, until the close of voting on the day of the General Election. No withdrawal shall be followed by reregistering during this time. Unregistered voters may register during this time period for any political party of their choice.

### **11. Retirement Income Taxation**

WHEREAS, the American Revolution and Nation occurred because of and in resistance to taxes and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, productive Americans pay Federal Income Tax and Social Security taxes their whole working lives;

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party call for an end to taxing retirement income, Social Security benefits and Medicare benefits.

### **12. Flat rate federal income tax**

WHEREAS, because of the burdensome load on the average American taxpayer to continuously pay more and more of their personal earnings to pay income taxes;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports a flat rate federal Income tax. This will stimulate the economy by allowing more money to be available to individuals.

### **13. Resolution on COVID -19 Draconian Measures**

WHEREAS, as Republicans in Wyoming we recognize the need to take the threat of the Coronavirus very seriously and as true Republicans we accept personal responsibility to exercise prudent precautions and are doing our personal and civic duty to prepare for and mitigate the negative impacts of this crisis of both a medical as well an economic nature; and

WHEREAS, nobody is going to stand up for the right to peaceably assemble during a virus outbreak. It's just bad optics. .... But maybe we should.... Remember Benjamin Franklin's warning, *“Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety.”* *Would not our First Amendment right to Peaceably Assemble be an “essential Liberty?”* ; and

WHEREAS, as dangerous as COVID -19 might be, our government should not have the authority or jurisdiction to shut down restaurants, theaters, bars, churches, or our weekend poker games. They can ask, persuade, educate and beg, but they should not be allowed to force; and

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WHEREAS, the crisis of the day should not nullify our Constitution or our individual liberty, nor should such a crisis grant totalitarian authority to anyone. There will be endless crises in the world, but there is only one liberty, and once lost it is near impossible to retrieve; and

WHEREAS, Government doing anything to us or for us because it's "for our own good" is a notion that has potential consequences far worse than the horrible diseases in the world; and

WHEREAS, the economic impacts of this crisis even at the point we are at now will likely far outlive the medical effects of the virus; and

WHEREAS, this crisis is already being used to instigate a digital currency as some stores are already refusing cash as a means of exchange;

RESOLVED, that all Draconian measures of the County, State, and Federal Governments cease and our full Republican Form of Government guaranteed by the Constitution be restored and that our elected servants at all levels use the means of persuasion and education to deal with the spread of COVID -19; and

RESOLVED, that instead of government handouts rather we eliminate all personal and business taxes for the full year of 2020 or until such time that the economy has returned to pre Covid-19 levels; and

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party condemns any overreach, such as disarming citizens, or any restrictions on business, churches, and individual God-given, constitutionally protected rights; and

RESOLVED, that there will be no mandatory vaccinations as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic.

### **14. Legislative Transparency**

RESOLVED, that all 3<sup>rd</sup> reading votes in state legislative bodies be by roll call vote.

### **15. Composition of Wyoming Legislature's Management Council**

RESOLVED, that the composition of the Wyoming legislature's management council should be determined proportionately based on the party affiliation of the members of each House of the Wyoming legislature.

## **Health and Society**

### **1. Retain Reference to God in the Pledge of Allegiance**

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RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party upholds the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in its present form, including "Under God" in our public schools.

### **2. Parental Rights**

WHEREAS, the right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children is a fundamental right protected by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the interest of children are best served when parents are free to make child rearing decisions about education, religion, discipline and other areas of a child's life without government interference; and

WHEREAS, these rights are routinely infringed upon by all levels of government and threatened by international entities;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls upon the Wyoming Legislature to enact such laws as will preserve and protect the right of parents to raise their children as they see fit.

### **3. Recognize the Definition of Marriage as One Man, One Woman**

WHEREAS, we believe strong traditional marriages and nuclear families have been the foundation of strong societies throughout the world, and the state has a compelling interest in traditional marriage as the best institution to provide good citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that due to innate biological differences between men and women and the unique procreative capacity of an opposite-sex union, marriage has been understood in civilized society as only between a man and a woman; and

WHEREAS, the creation, nurture, and socialization of the next generation is mainly accomplished through the family unit; and

RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party recognizes the importance of marriage being a union between a man and a woman in spite of recent court decisions to the contrary; and

RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party calls on government at all levels to protect religious liberty of those who refuse to participate in activities, in commerce or otherwise, which contradict their faith.

### **4. The Sale of Body Parts and Embryonic Stem Cell Cultivation**

WHEREAS, all human life is sacred, from conception until death,

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports legislation that forbids the sale of body parts and embryonic stem cell cultivation.

### **5. SOGI Laws**

WHEREAS, the Party of Abraham Lincoln was created to abolish slavery, recognizing the dignity and equality of every human being under the law; and this same Republican Party continued to lead the fight for the natural rights of our common humanity, against the Jim Crow

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laws of the southern Democrats; and still stands for the rights of all people regardless of color, culture, ideology, or religion; and

WHEREAS, such equal protection under the law demands protection against personal injury or property loss, but cannot demand affirmation of personal ideas, choices, or behaviors without infringing upon the integrity and property rights of other persons; yet “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” (SOGI) laws obliterate this foundational legal distinction; and

WHEREAS, laws using undefined and undefinable terms are inherently unjust, depriving persons under the law of any reasonable opportunity to know in advance how the law will be applied to them; and “gender Identity” lacks any definite legal content such that even its proponents are unable either to list every current identity, or rule out the addition of new identities in the future; and

WHEREAS, where same-sex marriage has been legalized, legislative and court actions have shown that it is difficult for same-sex marriage and religious freedom and free speech to co-exist; and

WHEREAS where same-sex marriage has been legalized, schools have maintained that they can teach homosexuality to children K-12 without parental notification or consent; and

WHEREAS, wherever the terms “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” have been added to anti-discrimination laws, this ill-defined language has enabled unjust prosecution and legal harassment such as:

- Forcing owners to use their own private property for objectionable uses
- Stripping owners of the right to protect the privacy, safety and dignity of patrons in showers, privacy facilities, etc.
- Stripping owners of the right to hire persons of their own choosing
- Forcing the use of pronouns, titles, and other speech demanded by others
- Forcing artists to produce creative speech against their own views
- Stripping mental health workers of the right to treat patients according to the best standards
- Stripping physicians of the right to decide treatments according to their own judgement of what is best for a patient

These and many other violations of personal integrity and property rights, are not only theoretical, but the actual ongoing results of SOGI laws which have closed businesses, confiscated savings, destroyed reputations, and costs millions in legal defense; and

WHEREAS, even one use of a law that allows an unjust outcome is enough proof that it is a bad law; yet we have seen not one, but many cases where “sexual orientation and gender identity”

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language was used to materially harm law-abiding citizens depriving them of liberty, property and good name; and

WHEREAS, TITLE 97, Wyoming Constitution, Article 1 Declaration of Rights, Article 1, Section 2 Equality of all, has since our Constitution's inception states, "In their inherent right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, all members of the human race are equal.";

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party stand opposed to the insertion of "sexual orientation," and "gender identity" language into any policy, ordinance, guideline, or statute at every level of government, and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party continue to protect the dignity, safety and integrity of every human being by advocating for just, defined, and limited laws which protect persons from injury and their property from loss while not punishing anyone for holding, expressing, or acting upon their sincerely held beliefs.

### **6. Providing Students a Healthful Environment**

WHEREAS, it is the school's legitimate role to provide a safe environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to the health of public school students that schools and staff rely on accurate information regarding sexual orientation and gender confusion issues; and

WHEREAS, adolescence is a time of upheaval and impermanence; and

WHEREAS, adolescence experience confusion about many things, including sexual orientation and gender identity, and they are particularly vulnerable to environmental influences; and

WHEREAS, it is well established that there are high rates of psychiatric illnesses, including depression, drug abuse, and suicide attempts, among gays and lesbians even in the Netherlands, where gay, lesbian and bisexual (GLB) relationships are far more socially acceptable; and

WHEREAS, even children with Gender Identity Disorder (when a child desires to be the opposite sex) will typically lose this desire by puberty, if the behavior is not reinforced; and

WHEREAS, rigorous studies demonstrate that most adolescents who initially experience same-sex attraction, or are sexually confused, no longer experience such attractions by age 25; and

WHEREAS, declaring and validating a student's same sex attraction during the adolescent years is premature and may be personally harmful, each year an adolescent delays self-labeling, the risk of suicide alone decreases by 20%;

RESOLVED, that it is not the school's role to diagnose and attempt to treat any student's medical condition, and certainly not a school's role to "affirm" a student's perceived personal sexual orientation; and

RESOLVED that in order to keep competition fair and appropriate in K-12 and college sports of contact, physical strength, and endurance, the Republican Party of Wyoming is against allowing

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biological males participating in female sports and against biological females participating in male sports.

### **7. Overturn Roe v Wade**

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States are based on the God given rights of man, the most important of which is the Right to life; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for Roe vs Wade to be overturned by the Supreme Court of the United States.

### **8. Born Alive Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence declares we the people have the right to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 SF 0097 stated doctors “shall take medically appropriate and reasonable steps to preserve the life and health of an infant born alive”; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 0097 (Born Alive) passed overwhelmingly through the Senate 23–7 and through the house 44–16 and Governor Mark Gordon chose to veto the bill;

RESOLVED, that when the legislation is again presented to the Governor, the Governor is expected to sign said bill.

### **9. Forced Medical Procedure**

WHEREAS, public medical policy has been influenced by the drug companies and insurance companies, and regulations in making laws and mandates that take away free citizen's rights to choose what is injected and what procedures are performed upon their bodies and the bodies of their minor children; and

WHEREAS, vaccinations have been purported to be safe and effective means of giving a body immunity to disease, but have been shown to have risk of disastrous side effects and even death in some people; and

WHEREAS, the medical establishment is highly influenced by drug and insurance companies in what they can and cannot prescribe and what treatments they can give to their patients, thus creating a conflict of interest. Free citizens and their physicians should have their right to choose medical treatments given and received without government interference;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party stands for freedom in health care. That we will stand against any forced or mandated medical procedures upon any person's body, and the bodies of their minor children. We will stand for freedom and the opportunity to choose the medical procedures, vaccinations, or examinations used upon any person's body and the bodies of their minor children; and

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RESOLVED, every person has the inalienable right to bodily integrity, free from any threat or compulsion that the person accepts any medical intervention, including immunization. No person may be discriminated against for refusal to accept an unwanted medical intervention, including immunization.

### **10. Ten Commandments**

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the display of the Ten Commandments in all schools, courthouses, and other publicly owned buildings and spaces as a declaration of fundamental principles that are the cornerstones of a fair and just society.

### **11. Freedom of free market for ranchers**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has exposed the risk to centralized meat packing; and

WHEREAS, the packing industry is run by four companies;  
RESOLVED, that the Wyoming GOP support a fair market for farmers and ranchers; and

RESOLVED, that USDA be encouraged to open up the packing industry to more competition.

## **Land, Ag and Environment**

### **1. Private Property Rights**

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Land Management is charged by federal law with applying view shed regulations to federal lands or undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management cannot, pursuant to federal law manage private property, but is empowered only to apply its regulations to federal surfaces and federal undertakings;

RESOLVED; that the Wyoming Republican Party demands that the Bureau of Land Management apply view shed regulations in Wyoming only to federal surfaces and undertakings and not expand and make applicable said determinations to private property in Wyoming; and

RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the protection of private property rights.

### **2. Anthropogenic Climate Change**

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes legislation and regulation in response to the hypothesis of anthropogenic (man-made) climate change.

### **3. Wyoming's Water Rights**

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Party supports Wyoming's primacy over its water and the doctrine of prior appropriation,



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RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party opposes any attempt to encroach upon water and/or water rights belonging to an individual or the state and administered by the State of Wyoming, and compels the state engineer to vigorously defend Wyoming's water rights, laws and compacts; and

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party supports the development and management of upstream water storage and other water projects to benefit Wyoming's economy.

### **4. Agriculture**

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Party recognizes agriculture as a vital industry of Wyoming;

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party believes those who own and properly lease ranch and farmlands are invested in the land and are the best caretakers of this vital resource.

### **5. Abolishment of the US Environmental Protection Agency**

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the abolition of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and that the current responsibilities of the EPA should remain with the individual states.

### **6. Federal Lands**

WHEREAS, the federal government is failing to administer federal lands in the best interest of the States and is failing to provide for multiple use and that the value of these lands are highly prized for public use; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Land Management is charged by federal law with applying view shed regulations to federal lands or undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management cannot, pursuant to federal law manage private property, but is empowered only to apply its regulations to federal surfaces and federal undertakings;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands that the Bureau of Land Management apply view shed regulations in Wyoming only to federal surfaces and undertakings and not expand and make applicable said determinations to private property in Wyoming; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party believes all federally held lands other than those defined in the U.S. Constitution must be expediently transferred to the states in which they physically exist in compliance with the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 as that document was incorporated into the United States Constitution in Article VI. With the stipulation that the States will not sell or transfer to private use without three quarters authorization from the state legislature.

### **7. Wyoming State Sovereignty Over Matters Within the State Boundary**

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WHEREAS, all mankind is created equal and are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness; (Taken from Declaration of Independence); and

WHEREAS, these inalienable rights are being unduly abridged by Federal Acts such as the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, American Clean Energy and Security Act, etc. and innumerable regulations coming from unelected Federal agencies, bureaus, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, through local stewardship, local input, and local accountability Wyoming citizens can better manage our public lands and resources for multiple use while enhancing environmental values; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming State Statute 36 Chapter 12 explicitly states that Wyoming, through the U.S. Constitution, retains sovereignty over all matters within its boundaries excepting those specifically delegated to the federal level and that federal claims of control over land and minerals within the State's boundaries is unconstitutional and should be void;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party call upon the leadership of the State of Wyoming, the Wyoming Congressional Delegation and the leadership of our Federal Government to recognize Wyoming State Statute 36 Chapter 12 and promote and fully implement it to ensure the security of our Constitutionally protected inalienable Rights to Life, Liberty, property, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

### **8. Natural Resources**

WHEREAS, The Wyoming Republican Party supports state's primacy over all water, wildlife, minerals, and natural resources within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Party opposes the taking of private property by means of eminent domain by inverse condemnation for anything other than public use, and supports that annual compensation at current fair market value may be provided for such takings and must consider the loss of value through regulation as a compensable taking, and;

WHEREAS, the Federal government has caused harm to the states that depend upon natural resources,

RESOLVED, by the Wyoming Republican Party that the state of Wyoming shall be in control of all of our natural resources.

### **9. Action on Wilderness Study Areas**

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RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the efforts of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) to evaluate and recommend removal and release of Wilderness Study Areas in Wyoming; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the release of the Wilderness Study Areas in Wyoming back to the multiple use and sustained yield pre-1976 public land management policies; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to reject manipulations by special interests groups to add lands to Wilderness Areas.

### **10. “BEEF” AND “MEAT”**

WHEREAS, the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Inspection Services (FSIS) does not have specific definitions for the terms “beef” or “meat”; and

WHEREAS, consumers widely understand “beef” to be the harvested flesh from a bovine animal and “meat” to be the harvested tissue or flesh from an animal; and

WHEREAS, food products made from plants, insects or artificially grown in the laboratory is NOT “meat” or “beef”;

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party desires that all food products labelled “beef” shall be limited solely to products that have been born, raised, and harvested in the traditional manner; and

RESOLVED, that products labelled “meat” shall be limited solely to products derived from the tissue or flesh of animals harvested in the traditional manner; and

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party requests that the USDA, FSIS conform with the petition of the United States Cattlemen’s Association petition submitted on February 9, 2018 to adopt labelling rules to protect the terms “beef” and “meat” by excluding man-made, or artificially manufactured products that are not from animals born, raised, and harvested in the traditional manner.

### **11. Diagnostics for Ag equipment**

WHEREAS, agricultural/industrial equipment manufacturers are not allowing the use of diagnostic capabilities to the owner for repairing and scanning equipment problems;

RESOLVED, that federal legislation be passed requiring sharing of diagnostic capabilities to prevent monopolistic capabilities.

## **Education**

### **1. Education Standards**

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RESOLVED, that the Republican Party believes that all education standards shall be delegated to the local school boards, with the State Board of Education having an advisory role; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the prohibition by all Wyoming State officials from entering into any agreements or receiving funding that cede any measure of control over Wyoming education to entities outside the state and ensure that all content standards as well as curriculum and assessment decisions supporting those standards are adopted through a transparent statewide and/or local process fully accountable to the citizens in every school district in Wyoming; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party is against national standardization of education.

### **2. Eliminate the U.S. Department of Education**

WHEREAS, the education of our young people is basic to the survival of our nation and future and because educational quality declines in proportion to federal involvement;

RESOLVED, Congress eliminate the Department of Education and let the respective states manage public education within their borders.

### **3. School Choice**

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Party believes competition has benefited other aspects of society;

RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party believes competition should be brought into education through school choice, including but not limited to vouchers, homeschooling without government intrusion, private schools and charter schools.

### **4. School Safety**

WHEREAS, the average length of a shooting is three minutes; and

WHEREAS, the response time of first responders is five to eight minutes; and

WHEREAS, first responders do not reside on site and the average response time for first responders to arrive on scene is not adequate to prevent school shootings;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the training and arming of qualified school staff on school campuses; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports removal of the designation "Gun Free Zone" from all school campuses; and

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports school protection policies to be the responsibilities of local school boards and supports the training and arming of qualified school staff on school campuses.

### **5. History**

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WHEREAS, history education is lacking in the teaching of Wyoming History, the Wyoming Constitution and American History, specifically the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution (as originally interpreted), and world history,

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for mandating the restoration of these subjects and the instruction of the development of the republican form of government including the differentiation between socialism, communism and capitalism.

### **6. Reduction of Administrative Burden**

WHEREAS, The State of Wyoming is experiencing difficult economic times; and

WHEREAS, education has been cut dramatically the last couple budgets; and

WHEREAS, Community Colleges and the University of Wyoming have increased the number of administrators and decreased or nullified faculty increases;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party calls on Congress and the Wyoming Legislature to reduce the administrative burdens placed on school districts to allow districts to focus more of their resources on educating children and allowing schools to focus on teaching and learning; and

RESOLVED, The University of Wyoming should remove one administrative position each year until the administrative positions reflect 2010 numbers; and

RESOLVED, Community Colleges should remove one administrative position each year until the number of administrators reflect 2010 numbers.

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

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Republican Platform states that the “family ...is the best institution and is the authority on how to provide children with the education and training to develop their potential and prepare them to participate in society and in our government.”;

RESOLVED, that all funding for early childhood education be immediately suspended and that the education of Wyoming’s children from birth to five years of age be left to the families with the exception of support for special needs children.

### **8. Cursive Writing and Spelling Instruction Required**

WHEREAS, our Constitution and Declaration of Independence are written in cursive; and

WHEREAS, our National Department of Education has mandated that our schools no longer teach cursive; and

WHEREAS, our educational system is not emphasizing spelling;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party SUPPORTS a reinstatement of the teaching of cursive with an emphasis in spelling in our school systems.

### **9. Education Spending**

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WHEREAS, the school system of the State of Wyoming is excessively expensive and is breaking the State budget with its demands; and

WHEREAS, the cost of public education per student consistently ranks Wyoming in the top ten among all fifty states, for example: third at over \$18,000 in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the burden of support for public education is out of proportion to state income and state spending on the various other responsibilities of the state to its citizens, such as infrastructure and public health;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party call for a Wyoming Constitutional Amendment to be placed on the election ballot to amend the Wyoming Constitution to change the school funding model from “shall be funded at an appropriate level” to “shall divide up available funds and operate within those funds”.

### **10. School Salaries**

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Constitution requires that the legislature shall set the salaries of all school officers but the legislature has not done so;

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party call upon the legislature to fulfill its constitutional obligations by setting a maximum salary for school district superintendents.

### **11. Repeal Blaine Amendment**

WHEREAS, the Blaine Amendment of the Wyoming Constitution prevents government funds from being used for religious education and therefore discriminates against religious school thus interfering with school choice,

RESOLVED, The Wyoming Republican Party supports an amendment to the Wyoming constitution to repeal article 1 section 19, and article 7 section 8 of the Wyoming constitution.