
RESOLUTIONS OF THE NORTH DAKOTA REPUBLICAN PARTY 2008

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AGRICULTURE/ANIMALS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1: OPPOSITION TO NAIS (NAT'L. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM)

WHEREAS: The state of North Dakota has numerous livestock producers; and

WHEREAS: Those said producers are committed to representing the industry's needs in regard to animal health, trade, marketing and land use issues; and

WHEREAS: We do not believe it is the role of the federal government to mandate or encourage producers to "sign up" their ranch or farm with a government program (premise registration/NAIS);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Republican Party of North Dakota strongly supports individual property rights and therefore encourages individual livestock owners to make independent decisions about the identification of their livestock. The Republican Party of North Dakota opposes any mandatory registration of premises and animal identification system, as it infringes on personal property rights and has no proven means of preventing any disease or the spread of any disease.

BORDERS/IMMIGRATION/NAFTA/PATRIOT ACT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2: BORDERS AND IMMIGRATION

WHEREAS: President George W. Bush established the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) of North America, with the nations of Mexico and Canada on March 23, 2005; and

WHEREAS: Congress has voted to restrict funding for the Security and Prosperity Partnership; and

WHEREAS: the life of freedom enjoyed by United States citizens is made possible by our multi-layered federal system of local, state, and federal governments based on the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS: the gradual creation of such a North American Union (NAU) from a merger of the U.S., Mexico, and Canada would be a direct threat to our freedoms under the Constitution and our nation's independence, and imply an eventual end to national borders within North America; and

WHEREAS: 18 states have considered resolutions opposing the United States' involvement in the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party supports United States' defunding, dismantling, or repealing any government program or agreement, such as the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP) that would lead to the creation of an open borders North American Union (NAU).

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3: RESOLUTION ON BORDER SECURITY

WHEREAS: Legal immigrants represent a strengthening of our nation; and,

WHEREAS: Illegal aliens have become a scapegoat for the bad government policies which enable them, and for the bad government policies which introduce the costs and burdens they place on our society; and

WHEREAS: Amnesty for illegal aliens is a violation of the rule of law and an affront to those who have worked diligently to legally enter the United States; and

WHEREAS: A lack of enforcement at the borders represents a real threat to national security;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Republican Party of North Dakota reaffirms its continued opposition to illegal immigration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Republican Party of North Dakota calls upon the North Dakota Legislature and the United States Congress to implement legislation to effectively stem the tide of illegal aliens into this country, including legislation that will:

- Physically secure our borders and coastlines, via a return of our border patrol agents from overseas, increased patrols, and other measures as necessary to control entry into our country; and
- Enforce visa rules, requiring immigration officials to track visa holders and deport those who overstay their visas or otherwise violate U.S law; and
- Deny amnesty, so that illegal aliens are not rewarded for breaking our laws; and
- Deny welfare and entitlements to illegal aliens, so that taxpayers are not saddled with the financial burden of illegal aliens who use our hospitals, schools, and social services; and
- Clarify that since illegal aliens are not “subject to the jurisdiction [of the United States]” as required in Section 1 of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, merely giving birth on US soil does not grant citizenship to those born to illegal aliens present in the United States; and
- Pass immigration reform to create an efficient and fair system for those who are willing to enter our country legally and work for the American dream.

CONVENTION – CITY

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4: CONVENTION COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party commends Vicki Fredrikson and Sandy Boehler and the entire 2008 Convention Committee for their hard work in organization and execution of the convention.

CITY OF FARGO

WHEREAS: The city of Fargo has been open and accommodating to the 2008 Republican Convention Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party commends the city of Fargo, its leaders and business owners for their efforts involved in the 2008 North Dakota Republican Convention.

EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5: SUPPORT OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS: Quality education and local government services are critically important for the future of our state; and

WHEREAS: Republicans in the State Legislature have significantly increased primary and secondary educational funding; and

WHEREAS: Governor Hoeven and the Republican Majority in the 2007 Legislature gave unprecedented support to all levels of public education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That

1. The Legislature continue its strong support of the Foundation Aid Program for primary and secondary education; and
2. The Legislature continue its strong support of revenue sharing with local government entities; and
3. The North Dakota Republican Party continue to work for improvement in federal programs so that eligibility requirements for communities and schools are neither cumbersome nor unrealistic; and
4. The North Dakota Republican Party urges Congress to fully fund federal mandates, regulations, and restrictions.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6: LOCAL CONTROL OF EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party supports the proposition that school curriculum content of local districts in the State of North Dakota should remain under the control of the local school boards, and that accreditation or funding should not be denied or withheld from districts on the basis of national goals and standards established under the Educate America Act, or as adopted by the state in compliance with the national goals and standards.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7: HOME SCHOOL EDUCATION

WHEREAS: North Dakota Republicans believe parents have the right and responsibility to educate their children and we acknowledge the parental right to choose public, private, or home education; education that is not mandated by liberal, multicultural or globalist agenda's; and

WHEREAS: North Dakota Republicans understand that the North Dakota Constitution limits the size and reach of North Dakota government, and that if the North Dakota Constitution does not authorize a statute, that statute should be repealed in order to return constitutional liberty to the people of North Dakota.

WHEREAS: North Dakota Republicans understand that the wording of the North Dakota Constitution authorizes a public school system, but provides no authority for the regulation of home education as consistent with American history, parental rights, and constitutional liberty;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That North Dakota Republicans support and acknowledge the liberty of home schoolers in North Dakota to teach their children without state interference.

ELECTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8: ELECTIONS

WHEREAS: North Dakota Republicans recognize that it is imperative to have high local voting participation in this country; and

WHEREAS: North Dakota Republicans recognize that local participation in voting increases interest in local politics; and

WHEREAS: North Dakota Republicans recognize that local voting boards in local precincts are very efficient at verifying voters, making voter fraud nearly impossible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That North Dakota Republicans support in-person, precinct voting, supplemented by absentee ballots.

ENERGY

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9: ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Dakota Republican Party encourages the development of all energy resources.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10: ENERGY INDUSTRY

WHEREAS: The lignite industry is fifth largest industry in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS: North Dakota has more than an 800-year supply of lignite at current production rates; and

WHEREAS: The lignite industry has provided reliable, affordable, and clean electricity for more than two million people in the region; and

WHEREAS: The lignite industry directly and indirectly employs over 25,000 people in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS: The lignite industry generates \$700 million of personal income and over \$2.2 billion of business volume annually; and

WHEREAS: The lignite industry generates over \$83 million in state tax revenue each year; and

WHEREAS: A carbon cap and trade regulatory program will increase the electricity rates to all consumers, businesses, and farmers in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS: A carbon cap and trade regulatory program will increase the cost of natural gas and increase the cost of home heating in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS: A carbon cap and trade legislation that does not balance the needs of the environment with the needs of the economy will have a large direct negative impact on the North Dakota economy; and

WHEREAS: The lignite industry is already taking aggressive voluntary action to reduce emissions in a number of ways, using currently available technology, participating in research and testing of new emission reduction technologies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party supports a balanced approach to the environmental and economic issues which will provide resolution to emissions of all sources of green house gases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party opposes efforts like the Kyoto Protocol and legislative proposals such as McCain-Lieberman, Lieberman-Warner, Boxer-Sanders, Kerry-Snowe, Bingaman-Specter, and Feinstein-Carper that impose a cap and trade program that will adversely affect North Dakota's economy without balance to the environmental issues.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 11: SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL STATE ENERGY IMPACT FUNDING

WHEREAS: The United States will benefit from the development of all domestic sources of energy to continue this nation's security; and

WHEREAS: North Dakota's Williston Basin has 600 million barrels of oil in probable oil reserves with 1.6 billion barrels in possible reserves; and

WHEREAS: North Dakota, in this Bakken oil boom, is poised to possibly become the 6th largest oil producing state in the country after having a position of 9th; and

WHEREAS: It has been estimated that the current Bakken oil play may encompass 3,700 square miles of oil development and continues to see fast paced growth; and

WHEREAS: The state has invested over \$10 million dollars in a Vision 21 project to possibly bring a cleaner North Dakota lignite coal product to market by way of synthetic natural gas; and

WHEREAS: The state's energy taxes have been critical to the state's responsibilities for K-12 education, the university system, eastern North Dakota water projects and health and human services; and

WHEREAS: The influx of over 60 drilling rigs has brought thousands of heavy industrial trucks loaded with sand and water to western county roads, trails and bridges; and

WHEREAS: the North Dakota Energy impact office was funded with the purpose of mitigating these impacts and after a 2007 one year grant round with requests of \$40.6 million and \$3 million available for grants, \$36.4 million in direct oil impacts to the local political subdivisions were left unfunded;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Republican Party of North Dakota supports significantly increasing state energy impact funding to adequately cover the infrastructure damage done in political subdivisions during the energy boom phases in the state.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12: PERMANENT OIL TAX TRUST FUND

WHEREAS: Increasing oil and natural gas prices, new technology, and North Dakota's business climate have caused a resurgence of activity in North Dakota's oil and gas industry; and

WHEREAS: Oil and natural gas are depletable, natural resources; and

WHEREAS: Oil and natural gas prices are cyclical in nature; and

WHEREAS: Other large oil producing states and nations, including Alaska, Wyoming, Texas, New Mexico, Alabama, Louisiana and Norway have set aside a portion of their oil and gas tax revenues to generate large sustainable revenue sources used for government funding, tax reduction, or to provide rebates to citizens today and in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS: It is good fiscal policy to ensure a dependable and stable source of revenue for the long-term, well-being of the state; and

WHEREAS: If this measure is approved in November 2008, the initial \$100 million in revenue from oil and gas production will be deposited into the general fund; and

WHEREAS: Any revenue above \$100 million will be deposited in the Permanent Oil Tax Trust fund and a three-fourths vote of both houses is needed to approve expenditures from the fund; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party supports Constitutional Measure One, which will create a constitutionally protected, permanent oil tax trust fund as a way of creating a legacy for the benefit of all North Dakota's citizens today as well as for future generations of North Dakotans.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13: NATIONAL ENERGY SUPPLY STABILITY

WHEREAS: The United State's dependence on foreign oil threatens our national security and economic prosperity by making us vulnerable to dangerous dictatorships; and

WHEREAS: The environmental impact of oil drilling and refineries can be reasonably controlled by modern technology;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party supports private industry building more oil refineries in North Dakota and in the nation to lower the cost of gas and reduce our dependence on foreign oil; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The process for obtaining the permits to build refineries should be changed in a manner that would speed the process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party supports the drilling for oil off America's coasts and other places where it is now restricted.

FAITH

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14: ORIGIN OF LIFE

WHEREAS: There is scientific evidence and opinion for and against the theory of evolution and other theories about the origin of life, such as intelligent design theory; and

WHEREAS: A person's beliefs about the origins of life have a great influence on their worldview;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party supports the rights of teachers to teach and discuss the scientific evidence for multiple theories about the origin of life, including intelligent design and evolution.

FINANCE REFORM

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15: CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM BILL

WHEREAS: The bill known as McCain-Feingold was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law by the President of these United States; and

WHEREAS: This law is considered an affront to the citizens of this country and an infringement upon our First Amendment rights to free speech; and

WHEREAS: This law has made it possible for certain groups and individuals to advertise during campaigns when political nominees and other legitimate organizations may not;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Republican Party urges Congress to repeal the law known as McCain-Feingold.

FREE ENTERPRISE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16: SUPPORT OF FREE ENTERPRISE

WHEREAS: The Republican Party believes that the state of North Dakota should not directly compete with private industry; and

WHEREAS: Government should work to encourage, promote, incentivize, and facilitate the growth of private business opportunities throughout the state and all sectors of industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party supports free enterprise. The North Dakota Republican Party does not support the creation of new, state-owned businesses directly competing in the marketplace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party is confident that the North Dakota entrepreneurial spirit will stand up in all situations and create competition where economical, producing a more efficient and effective product for the people of North Dakota than government.

GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 17: THE UNITED NATIONS AND AMERICAN SOVEREIGNTY

WHEREAS: Certain efforts within the United Nations represent threats to national sovereignty; and

WHEREAS: These efforts include the pursuance of an expanded international judiciary, including the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice, legal entities that do not include the safeguards required by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS: Additional threats to sovereignty exist in the form of new agreements on children, the environment, and World Heritage sites; and

WHEREAS: Despite these concerns, the continued presence of the United States in the United Nations, especially as a member of the Security Council, remains important to several national interests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party believes that American soldiers and citizens should be subject only to domestic legal entities, and urges all public officials to ensure United States' sovereignty over people, property, and policy during any interaction with the United Nations.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18: RE-STRENGTHENING OF AMERICA'S SOVEREIGNTY

WHEREAS: The United States' sovereignty is increasingly threatened by a never-ending supply of United Nations' treaties and conventions; and

WHEREAS: Our federal government has limited its rights of sovereignty over many of the United States' revered heritage sites which have then become world heritage sites under the UN; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations is striving to gain control over all of the United States' land, to tax many areas of commerce, to control all natural resources, environmental and election laws, to outlaw guns, to educate and control our children and decide how many you can have; and

WHEREAS: United States armed forces are fighting wars or standing guard in over 70 nations all under the control and command of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS: The Constitution of the United States that no law or treaty can properly be made unless it is "in pursuance thereof" and "under the authority of the constitution," and which has been supported by five supreme court rulings that treaties cannot authorize what the constitution forbids;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party respectfully but firmly requests all members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and all candidates seeking public office, to:

- diligently work to reduce United States' financial support for the United Nations;
- work with the United Nations only in a manner which seeks to preserve the United States' sovereignty;
- ensure that U.S. military servicemen shall serve only under the authority of U.S. civil and military law.

MARRIAGE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19: SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party supports the State definition of marriage as a union of one man and one woman.

NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20: NO NATIONAL OR REAL ID CARDS

WHEREAS: The House of Representatives has approved an \$82 billion military spending bill with an attachment that would mandate electronically readable identity cards for United States Citizens, and President Bush is expected to sign the bill; and

WHEREAS: Starting May 11, 2008, if you live or work in the United States, you will need a federally approved identity card to travel on an airplane, open a bank account, collect Social Security payments, or take advantage of nearly any government service. Practically speaking, your driver's license likely will have to be reissued to meet federal standards; and

WHEREAS: The Real ID Act would establish what amounts to a national identity card. State drivers' licenses and other such documents would have to meet federal identity standards established by the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS: Homeland Security is permitted to add additional requirements - such as a fingerprint or retinal scan - on top of those. We don't know what these additional requirements will be; and

WHEREAS: The Real ID Act hands the Department of Homeland Security the power to set these standards and determine whether state drivers' licenses and other identity cards pass muster; and

WHEREAS: Only identity cards approved by Homeland Security can be accepted "for any official purpose" by the federal authorities; and

WHEREAS: The state of North Dakota is a sovereign state and that the powers of the federal government and the state government are clearly regulated in the United States Constitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party urges the State of North Dakota and all other states to act quickly in overturning this bill, and to take action to further limit the federal government's right to demand this with an amendment to the North Dakota State Constitution.

PARENTAL RIGHTS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21: PARENTAL RIGHTS CONCERNING MINOR CHILDREN

BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party supports the rights of parents to guide the education of their children, and their primary rights and responsibilities to control decisions concerning psychological, physical, emotional, medical, and moral development of their children without undue interference from the state.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22: SEX EDUCATION

WHEREAS: Approximately one in four college age women are infected with the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), a sexually transmitted disease, many of whom are unaware that they have it;

WHEREAS: HPV can be transmitted by sexual activity that does not include vaginal intercourse;

WHEREAS: HPV infection is the most common cause of cervical cancer;

WHEREAS: Cervical cancer causes more deaths in women than HIV;

WHEREAS: HPV infection and other sexually transmitted infections, such as genital herpes, can be transmitted to the child during childbirth with potentially devastating effects;

WHEREAS: "Safe sex" practices, i.e. using condoms, according to scientific evidence, offer minimal protection for the transmission of HPV and certain other sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS: One a women contacts a HPV infection, the regular screening and treatments to prevent it from turning into cervical cancer are very expensive and stressful for the women;

WHEREAS: The best protection for men and women from sexually transmitted disease is to abstain from sexual activity until marriage;

WHEREAS: When told the truth, young men and women are capable of making good decisions and are capable of controlling their natural desires;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party supports teaching the truth about the true risks regarding pre-marital sexual activity for both men and women and their future children. This should be taught whenever sex education is taught, including junior high, high school, and higher education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: When possible, the state should use this knowledge when making policy decisions that would encourage young men and women to abstain from sexual activity until marriage.

PRAYER

RESOLUTION NUMBER 23: SUPPORT OF VOLUNTARY PUBLIC PRAYER

BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party supports the right to voluntary prayer during any public meeting or activity.

PROPERTY OWNERS' RIGHTS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24: PROPERTY OWNERS' RIGHTS

WHEREAS: At the federal level, some administrative rules and regulations promulgated to implement legislation such as, but not limited to, "Swampbuster," the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act have usurped the rights of citizens to the beneficial use of private property without just compensation; and

WHEREAS: As state agencies promulgate rules and regulations to implement state laws, they regularly affect the use of privately held resources without due consideration of the economic impacts the rules and regulations impose on the owners of those resources; and

WHEREAS: As governmental agencies (and the regulations they foster) have grown, private property rights have been diminished, and the operating costs of businesses forced to comply with such increased regulation have increased dramatically; and

WHEREAS: The quality of life for all North Dakotans hinges on the private sector being allowed to compete without unnecessary and undue regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party supports any legislation that prevents the taking of rights to the beneficial use of property by its owner without just and actual compensation.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25: PRIVATE LAND OWNERSHIP

WHEREAS: The survival and prosperity of agriculture enterprises are dependent on the ongoing ability of landowners to avail themselves of opportunities from changing market conditions, and to make vital decisions concerning the use of their lands; and

WHEREAS: The survival and prosperity of North Dakota's rural communities depend strongly on the prosperity of area landowners and the use of land-based resources; and

WHEREAS: The quality of rural public services, including hospitals, schools, fire districts, and roads, depends on the tax base represented by area landowners and their use of local land-based resources; and

WHEREAS: Lands permanently removed or restricted from private ownership, and controlled by federal purchases or easements limit and impair future economic opportunities, may restrict the tax base of the political subdivisions, and may be used to leverage, impair, or otherwise limit future land development opportunities of neighboring lands not under federal title or easement; and

WHEREAS: Wildlife in North Dakota has thrived on, and often benefited from privately owned land, and the abundant and diverse supply of wildlife is largely attributed to the wise conservation practices of private land owners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party supports the private ownership and control of land; and opposes large-scale purchase of lands, permanent easements, or excessively long-term easements that impair or remove control of land from private owners. The North Dakota Republican Party supports the principle that federal ownership of lands or easements should not be used to unduly impair the rights of landowners to use or develop their property.

The North Dakota Republican Party supports the full Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Refuge Revenue Sharing payments to local political subdivisions for all present and future federal lands.

RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26: RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

WHEREAS: The United States Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Land; and

WHEREAS: The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees, without reservation, the right of citizens to bear arms; and

WHEREAS: Our forefathers, the drafters of the United States Constitution, placed full faith and confidence in the citizenry to accept full responsibility for their actions commensurate with their freedom; and

WHEREAS: The Constitution of the State of North Dakota, Article 1, Section 1, guarantees the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of their person, family, property, and the state, and for lawful hunting, recreational, and other lawful purposes, which shall not be infringed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican supports, in spirit and deed, that in a free society each citizen must have the right to keep and bear arms and that right shall not be infringed. Each individual must have the right to protect their life, liberty, and property.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 27: RESOLUTION ON D.C. V. HELLER

WHEREAS: the United States Supreme Court (Court) has agreed to review and decide the case of D.C. v. Heller appealed to it from the D.C. Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS: the Court has agreed to consider the question, "Whether the following provisions — D.C. Code secs. 7-2502.02(a)(4), 22-4504(a), and 7-2507.02 — violate the Second Amendment rights of individuals who are not affiliated with any state-regulated militia, but who wish to keep handguns and other firearms for private use in their homes"; and

WHEREAS: when the court determines in Heller whether or not the Second Amendment secures an individual right, the Court will establish precedent that will affect the State of North Dakota and the rights of the citizens of North Dakota;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: by the Republican Party of North Dakota that the Second Amendment secures a pre-existing right from government infringement and **does not** confer any boon of government upon the people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the level of review for the Second Amendment is specified within the Constitution as "**shall not be infringed;**" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Republican Party of North Dakota calls upon the Legislature and Governor of the great State of North Dakota to defend the gun ownership and self-protection rights of all North Dakotans from **any** federal attempts to infringe on the same that arise from any "collective rights" holding in Heller.

RIGHT TO LIFE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 28: RIGHT TO LIFE

WHEREAS: The founding fathers of our great nation dealt thoughtfully with the issue of life when they included the following statements in our country's Declaration of Independence: "We are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;" and

WHEREAS: Our Constitution, in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, reaffirms these rights with the following guarantee: "Nor shall any person be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;" and

WHEREAS: The National Republican Platforms of 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004 stated in part:

"The unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed;"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party reaffirms its long-standing support of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, and the National Republican Party Platforms, with respect to human rights and reaffirms its historic support for the sanctity of human life and opposes the unjust taking of life from conception to natural death; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party supports an immediate ban on abortion in North Dakota and will not let the threat of litigation or other challenges to the ban keep us from doing the right thing.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 29: APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES WHO SUPPORT THE RIGHT TO LIFE

The North Dakota Republican Party supports the nomination and confirmation of judges who interpret the Constitution according to the original intent or its authors.

TAXES

RESOLUTION NUMBER 30: TAX CUT

BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party urges the United States Congress to enact a lower, less complicated, and more fair income tax system that represents a tax cut, accomplished by reducing the size and scope of the federal government and that the tax cuts will be permanent.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 31: PERMANENT ADOPTION OF THE BUSH TAX CUTS

WHEREAS: This plan reduces taxes for everyone who pays income taxes, and it will encourage enterprise by lowering marginal tax rates; and

WHEREAS: Bush's tax cuts reflect this basic trust in the country's people and confidence in the American ideal by increasing tax fairness and enhancing the performance of the economy; and

WHEREAS: Wealth is created by hard-working, risk-takers, not government programs; and

WHEREAS: Economies with low taxes, limited regulation, and open trade grow faster, create more jobs, and enjoy higher standards of living than those that have bigger, centralized governments and higher taxes; and

WHEREAS: The Bush tax cuts have significantly lower the tax burden for low-income parents; and

WHEREAS: The tax cuts promote the values that make the United States' economy second to none -- access to the middle class, family, equal opportunity, and the entrepreneurial spirit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Bush tax cuts are beneficial to the U.S. economy and the taxpayers, so the North Dakota Republican Party supports making these tax cuts permanent.

TROOPS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 32: IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS

WHEREAS: The freedoms that we enjoy in this great country were won with the blood of many brave men and women in the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS: Those freedoms have been guaranteed by the blood of many brave men and women of every generation since then; and

WHEREAS: the present generation has demonstrated a strong commitment to that heritage, and to the protection of our freedoms; and

WHEREAS: North Dakotans on active duty, in the National Guard and the Armed Forces Reserves have joined the active duty military in defending those freedoms; and

WHEREAS: North Dakotans have served and are serving, with great honor and pride in our Nation's military;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party stands in full support of the men and women of our National Guard, Armed Forces Reserves, and active duty military and their families, both at home and abroad.

WAR ON TERROR

RESOLUTION NUMBER 33: IN DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS: Terrorist groups exist around the world; and

WHEREAS: The first role of government is to provide for the safety of its people; and

WHEREAS: The only proper response to terrorism is to eliminate it;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the North Dakota Republican Party supports the use of force to defend the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the North Dakota Republican Party supports the military personnel and their families in their involvement in the fight against terror.

WATER RIGHTS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 34: WATER RIGHTS

WHEREAS: The original purposes for the federal government to control water was for navigation, irrigation, flood control and hydro-electric power; and

WHEREAS: There has been a change in recent years in purpose of the federal government to control water aimed toward conservation and other non-conventional social uses that often conflict with private property rights;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party go on record opposing federal control of water rights and leave that to the control of state government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That state control of water rights retains the basic concept of domestic use priority and preserves existing agricultural uses.

WILDLIFE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 35: ECONOMIC GAIN FROM WILDLIFE HARVEST

WHEREAS: Landowners provide land for wildlife to reside throughout the year; and

WHEREAS: Landowners pay taxes and maintenance on private property where wildlife resides; and

WHEREAS: Landowners are not compensated for wildlife that utilizes private land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party supports landowner's rights to gain economically from wildlife harvests on private land and supports legally established game farms.