

2020 NCGOP State Convention

Resolutions Report

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**North Carolina Republican Party Resolution to Support Gun Rights,
the Right to Self-Defense and the US Constitution**

WHEREAS, the right to self-defense and the right of all law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms are human rights endowed by the Creator, not granted by governments, and they cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws;

WHEREAS, these Natural Law Rights are guaranteed by our laws, history and traditions and precede all government, which is instituted among men to secure their rights and which derives its just powers only from the consent of the governed;

WHEREAS, the US Constitution is the Supreme Law of our nation, and its 14th Amendment declares *“No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law...”*;

WHEREAS, the NC Constitution, Article I, Section 5, states: *“Every citizen of this State owes paramount allegiance to the Constitution and government of the United States, and no law or ordinance of the State in contravention or subversion thereof can have any binding force”*;

WHEREAS, elected officials at all levels of North Carolina government are obligated to uphold the NC and US Constitutions and oppose any law that violates either, regardless of those who, under the pretext of “gun safety”, call for infringement upon protected rights with proposals of unproven benefit that are often unconstitutional, unrealistic or unenforceable;

WHEREAS, background checks are currently required for any legal firearm transfer by a licensed dealer, despite relying on an inaccurate reporting system, and there is no way possible to enforce “Universal” background checks for transfers between private individuals without a national gun registry, which is prohibited by federal law and has historically always been antecedent to gun confiscation (see Nazi Germany, Venezuela, etc.), firearm confiscation having already occurred in California, New York, Connecticut and other states; and

WHEREAS, activists fail to define the so-called “assault weapons” they wish to ban, often referring to popular AR-15-style rifles, comparing them to fully automatic military rifles, calling for bans of purely cosmetic features, and ignoring that the civilian semi-auto AR-15 style firearm is the most prevalent sporting rifle in the US, used for target shooting, varmint control, home defense and hunting, and widely used by law enforcement; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Republican Party calls for North Carolina government at all levels, through its State Legislature, Council of State, county and city commissioners, other elected officials, law enforcement and government staff to:

Declare North Carolina to be an advocate of the 2nd Amendment and of her citizens’ natural right to self-defense and their right to keep and bear arms, joining 66 NC counties and the 906 counties, parishes and cities nationwide that have adopted Gun Rights Sanctuary or Pro-Second

Amendment resolutions, and four states that have passed state laws protecting the 2nd Amendment rights of their citizens, and; and further to

Ensure that no government funds, employees, contractors, agencies, offices, or other resources may be used to assist in the enforcement of any laws, orders, mandates, rules or regulations that infringe upon the right of the people to keep and bear arms; and further to

Recognize that where human Natural Law rights are secured by the constitution there can be no legislation or rulemaking which would abrogate or restrict them, recognize the unassailable right of law-abiding citizens to purchase and possess firearms, free from unreasonable restraint as protected by the US and NC Constitutions, and exercise their duty to challenge government whenever it exceeds its bounds and authority.

NC Republican Party Resolution to Support the Electoral College

WHEREAS, The Electoral College resulted from the inspired genius of our Founders as brought forth in the United States Constitution,

WHEREAS, The Electoral College has worked well for over 200 years to ensure the fair, efficient and peaceful transfer of governmental leadership,

WHEREAS, The so-called National Popular Vote is a dangerous threat to our Constitutional Republic, allowing as few as 11 states to circumvent the requirement of 38 states to amend the Constitution, and allowing a very few populous states to elect the President of the United States;

WHEREAS, The National Popular Vote creates a fake majority by forcing electors to vote against the votes cast by their own constituents,

WHEREAS, The elimination of the Electoral College would make the vote of Americans in most states irrelevant, because candidates would only campaign in large population areas, removing a voice from the less populous areas;

WHEREAS, Under the Electoral College, no single faction or region of the country can elect a president, ensuring broad representation across the country, and this was a requirement by which the less populous states were enticed to join the United States; and

WHEREAS, There is a movement called "The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact" in which states "sidestep" the electoral college by assigning all their electoral votes to the candidate who wins the popular vote; so far sixteen "blue" states have signed on and represent 196 of the 270 electoral votes needed to elect the president; although the compact will not go into effect until they reach 270 votes, this could effectively make the electoral college obsolete, even though its constitutionality would be challenged in court. In all but nine states (North Carolina not being one of them, although in 2007 it passed the NC Senate) this bill has passed in at least one chamber of legislation; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Republican Party opposes the National Popular Vote and any other effort to undermine the Electoral College, including the "National Popular Vote Interstate Compact" and encourages the North Carolina Legislature to also oppose any such scheme.

NC Republican Party Resolution Calling for the North Carolina State Legislature to Support Transparency and Audit of the Federal Reserve System

WHEREAS, The creation of the private Federal Reserve bank by Congress in 1913 has led to our current monetary system of fiat paper currency, the "Federal Reserve Note," not backed with either gold or silver since 1971;

WHEREAS, Under the Federal Reserve's manipulation of our currency, the "Fed" expansion of credit through fractional reserve banking, and expansion of our monetary base through excessive bailouts and loans has led to erosion of 95% of the purchasing power of the dollar since its implementation;

WHEREAS, Recent increases in our money supply cause inflation, resulting in the loss of value of our, retirement incomes, insurance policies, and investments;

WHEREAS, The Federal Reserve can enter into agreements with foreign central banks and foreign governments, and the GAO is prohibited from auditing or even seeing these secret agreements;

WHEREAS, The current auditing mechanism of the Government Accountability Office ("GAO") exempts the Federal Reserve from any meaningful and specific congressional oversight; and

WHEREAS, The bi-partisan House Resolution 24 and Senate Bill 148 (Federal Reserve Transparency Act) in the 116th Congress would require a General Accounting Office audit of the Federal Reserve Board and its federal banks within 12 months, establishing better congressional oversight and Federal Reserve transparency; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The North Carolina Republican Party urges the North Carolina General Assembly to introduce resolutions calling for an increased level of transparency and accountability within the Federal Reserve System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the North Carolina Republican Party encourages all U.S. representatives and senators from North Carolina to co-sponsor and support Federal Reserve Transparency legislation now pending in Congress.

Resolution to Protect and Sustain Life

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution ensures that no state can deprive any person of life, liberty or property and further provides equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, the founding document of the United States of America, states, “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”; and

WHEREAS, life begins at conception and continues, uninterrupted, until the moment of natural death; and

WHEREAS, life is unique, precious, and worthy of vital protections; and

WHEREAS, we believe that any unborn child has a fundamental, individual right to life that begins at conception, and must be protected; and

WHEREAS, it is within the constitutional authority of the North Carolina General Assembly and the U.S. Congress to address matters that protect and sustain the health, safety, and well-being of life within the state and nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the North Carolina Republican Party declares that life, regardless of age or circumstance, must be protected by the laws of society and supported by protective legislation at state and national levels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the North Carolina Republican Party opposes the reduction or easing of existing state or national restrictions on abortion and euthanasia, including denying the use of public funds to finance abortion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the North Carolina Republican Party supports enactment of state and national legislation to protect and sustain the lives of infants born alive after attempted abortion procedures.

NC Republican Party Resolution of Concern – U.S. Congressional Term Limits

WHEREAS, the founders of our Nation incorporated into their first governing document, the Articles of Confederation, mandatory rotation, their reference to term limits;

WHEREAS, members of U.S. Congress from both parties routinely accept significant contributions from interest groups for the sole purpose of influencing their votes often in a manner contrary to the interests of their constituents and the Nation;

WHEREAS, members of U.S. Congress from both parties have accepted significant contributions from private parties, such as the healthcare and finance industries, with financial interests in legislative outcomes of legislation such as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act;

WHEREAS, members of U.S. Congress routinely exempt themselves from legislative restrictions imposed on others;

WHEREAS, the members, after many years of U.S. Congressional tenure, seek and receive lucrative employment with the very entities over which they have had oversight;

WHEREAS, the citizens of our Nation have come to realize with the passing of time the problems resulting from unlimited terms for the President and in 1951 chose to pass the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution limiting the President to two terms in office;

WHEREAS, a change would require an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a precedent has already been set with a 2-term limit for U.S. President;

WHEREAS, the citizens are now aware that unlimited terms for members of U.S. Congress, regardless of the resulting benefits of experience, produce costs to our Nation far outweighing such benefits;

WHEREAS, and currently U.S. Senators serve 6-year terms and have unlimited opportunity to serve terms of office and U.S. House Representatives serve 2-year terms and can be re-elected with unlimited terms of office; and

WHEREAS, President Trump backs a bi-partisan Congressional House push for term limits for both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. A bi-partisan Congressional group proposed that term limits should begin with the current freshman class of the U.S House and U.S. Senate; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the North Carolina Republican Party urges all Republican members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation to propose and support legislation limiting U.S. House members to four two-year terms and U.S. Senate members to two six-year terms. A total of 8 years be the limit for members of the U.S. House and 12 years for the U.S. Senate.

NC Republican Party Unity Resolution

A resolution in support of fellow registered Republicans for judicial appointments, board and commission appointments and any other appointment of any position made by any Republican elected official in an effort to promote the continued growth of the North Carolina Republican Party, Republican registration, and in furtherance of the shared values and ideals of the platform of the North Carolina Republican Party.

WHEREAS, as Republicans We Believe the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored;

WHEREAS, We Believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability;

WHEREAS, We Believe free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity;

WHEREAS, We Believe the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least;

WHEREAS, We Believe the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people;

WHEREAS, We Believe that Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times;

WHEREAS, We Believe Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world;

WHEREAS, We Believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government;

WHEREAS, We Strongly Believe that Registered Republicans, who share our values and who have supported our party platform and worked for years in the trenches, tirelessly, in support of the North Carolina Republican Party, our local county parties and in support of our Republican candidates and elected officials, are the best and most qualified individuals to support and promote for judicial appointments, board and commission appointments and all other positions in order to promote our party's platform and our shared values and ideals; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely harmful and destructive to the growth of the Republican Party of North Carolina and the growth of our local county parties if a Republican elected official fails to consider qualified registered Republicans for judicial appointments, board and commission

appointments or other appointments and instead appoints a registered Democrat or other non-registered Republican to any of these positions; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Republican Party strongly encourages all Republican elected officials who are empowered to appoint any individual to any position for any judicial seat or vacancy or any State Board or Commission appointment or any other position be a registered Republican unless such position is required to be a member of another political party by the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina as those statutes exist at the time of the adoption of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Republican Party and its subordinate jurisdictions may withhold support or deny resources (including campaign contributions) to the election of any Republican candidate or to any elected official if that person has made an appointment to any judicial seat or vacancy, or to any State Board or Commission, or to any other position if the appointee was not a registered Republican, unless such position or appointment was required to be a member of another political party by the North Carolina General Statutes at the time of the appointment, or unless no Republican party member was nominated for said position.

NC Republican Party Opposition to Medicaid Expansion Resolution**

WHEREAS, Democrats in the NC Legislature have introduced bills in the 2019 legislative session to implement Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina;

WHEREAS, In North Carolina 3 of every 4 newly eligible enrollees under Medicaid Expansion would be a working-age adult with no children;

WHEREAS, The state share of the cost of Medicaid Expansion has been estimated to be upwards of \$341 million per year;

WHEREAS, Rather than increasing jobs, studies have found that Medicaid Expansion discourages work and is associated with a decrease of up to 94,000 jobs in one credible analysis:

WHEREAS, in 2003, the number of physicians in North Carolina accepting Medicaid patients plummeted by 28 percent and one-fourth of North Carolina's physicians will not take on any new Medicaid patients:

WHEREAS, the doctor shortage is especially acute in rural areas, where the concentration of Medicaid enrollees is even greater:

WHEREAS, Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina would stuff another 500,000 – 630,000 people into this overcrowded program;

WHEREAS, Poor access to health care contributes to the abject failure of Medicaid's national track record on patient health;

WHEREAS, Research also shows that Medicaid patients have far longer wait times to see a doctor, and are therefore more likely to utilize expensive Emergency Room treatment;

WHEREAS, Supporters claim polling shows that Medicaid Expansion is popular with North Carolinians, but when informed about Expansion's actual cost and who would be covered, support for expansion drops by half; and

WHEREAS, Expanding Medicaid would have disastrous consequences for those it purports to help, for the taxpayers and other patients forced to pay for the program, and. For the overall state of healthcare in North Carolina; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the North Carolina Republican Party opposes any attempt by the NC Legislature to pass legislation enabling Medicaid Expansion.

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