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Foreign Policy

1. Defending Against Hostile Nations

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party believes that the United States must use all options to defend against impending threats from all hostile nations.

2. Stop Implementation of Trans-Pacific Partnership

WHEREAS the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a so called free trade agreement, threatens United States sovereignty by establishing an unelected commission to formulate and or change binding regulations without congressional oversight; and

WHEREAS the TPP will cause the loss of US jobs and increase the influx of foreign workers; and

WHEREAS the TPP is the first step in establishing a European Union-style Pacific Union; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports President Trump and demands that Congress kill the implementation of the TPP.

3. 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; now, therefore,

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

4. Rescind Iran Nuclear Deal

WHEREAS Iran has violated terms of the Obama administration’s Iran Nuclear Deal; and

WHEREAS said agreement is not a treaty ratified by the Senate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the Obama administration’s Iran Nuclear Deal be rescinded and sanctions on Iran are re-established and countries that trade with Iran be sanctioned.

5. 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
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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; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the reinstatement of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Policy of the U.S. Armed Forces.

6. United Nations

WHEREAS the United Nations is a socialistic organization; and

WHEREAS we strongly oppose the subordination of American 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, the United Nations fails to use sound science in many activities and seeks to destroy the United States' constitutional republic, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party demands that the sovereignty of the United States not be compromised or surrendered to any organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we do not adopt the UN Agenda 21.

7. Adequate Military Funding

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

BE IT 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, and of full funding of promised benefits, to serve as a deterrent to foreign aggression.

8. Oppose Involvement in United Nations Agendas

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

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

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

BE IT 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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports educating 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.

9. Oppose Establishment of NAFTA Superhighway

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

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

10. Keep ROTC and Military Recruitment Offices on Campus

WHEREAS a strong military is essential for national security,

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

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:

BE IT RESOLVED the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the environmental impact study (EIS) process to be dramatically streamlined to reduce said factors,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this process shall include a reasonable cap on the EIS permitting timeframe; Furthermore,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permitting process of leasing, drilling and producing minerals should be simplified as well.

2. Energy Subsidies

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes subsidies for all energy sources.

3. Shipping Coal by Rail

BE IT 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.

4. Infrastructure

BE IT RESOLVED by the Wyoming Republican Party supports improved energy production and infrastructure through construction of new refineries and power plants.

5. Energy Independence

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the country should develop our own resources to be energy independent.

6. Domestic Energy Exploration and Production

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

Immigration and Immigrants

1. Immigration Reform

WHEREAS illegal aliens are just that-illegal; and,

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

BE IT 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 further,

BE IT 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 further,

BE IT 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 further,

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

BE IT 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 further,

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

2. Immigration and Naturalization Simplification

WHEREAS many aliens attempt legally to become American citizens, and

WHEREAS the current process is cumbersome and difficult,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Wyoming Republican Party supports the simplification and streamlining of the process for persons to legally enter, remain, and/or become citizens of the United States.

3. Anchor Babies

WHEREAS the status of babies born on United States of America soil should be determined by the status of their parents,

BE IT RESOLVED that “anchor” babies shall NOT be citizens, and neither shall they bestow American citizenship upon their non-citizen parents.

4. Secure Our Borders and Follow Current Immigration Law

WHEREAS legal immigration is one of the foundations of our country and all who comply with existing legal immigration laws are to be commended, the security of the United States cannot be compromised,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports securing our borders, only allowing legal immigrants into country, and enforcing existing legal immigration laws.

5. Subsidies for Illegal Immigrants

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party not support any legislation or action, including the issuance of Social Security numbers, which would allow illegal immigrants access to work or benefits, such as free healthcare and free education and citizenship to babies born to illegal immigrants.
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BE IT RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party opposes any government subsidies for illegal immigrants.

6. Refugee Resettlement

WHEREAS the Federal Government supports a refugee program for resettlement in the United States;
WHEREAS there is no screening policy that can fully ensure the safety of the United States citizens from these refugees;
WHEREAS recent violent crimes by refugees in other countries and the US indicate a great risk of harm;
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes resettlement of refugees In the State of Wyoming.

7. Vetting of Aliens and Refugees

BE IT RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party supports comprehensive vetting using and applying available legal standards to all aliens and refugees.

8. New Citizens Must Adopt Constitution and Assimilate

BE IT 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.

9. Sanctuary Cities

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,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party calls upon all Wyoming municipalities, organizations, or educational institutions to reject designation as a sanctuary. The state of Wyoming will not provide funding for any such city, organization or educational institutions.

10. Grant Persecuted Christians Refugee Status After Comprehensive Vetting

WHEREAS refugees are different from illegal immigrants, and
WHEREAS persecuted Christians are denied refugee status worldwide,
BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party will welcome persecuted Christians after a reliable vetting process.
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Jobs and Economy

1. Minimum Wage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes any and all 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,

BE IT 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;

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

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

4. Private Development of Infrastructure

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

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

5. Supporting “Opt in” Systems For Releasing Personal Information

WHEREAS individual information should be kept private,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports an "opt in" rather than an "opt out" system for business and government entities sharing information about individual.

6. Eliminate Public Ownership Of Business and Commerce

WHEREAS federal ownership of large corporations is socialism; and

WHEREAS history has time and time again shown socialism as oppressive and devastating to mankind;
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BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party demands the elimination of federal ownership of any private entity or business, e.g., General Motors Corp. (GM), Citi Group, American International Group (AIG), banks, savings institutions and demands the prevention of competition with private business.

7. 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,

BE IT 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;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT 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.

8. Employment Quotas

BE IT RESOLVED the Wyoming Republican Party opposes all government mandated employment quotas in both private enterprise and the public sector.


WHEREAS some federal policies and international treaties threatens Wyoming's economy,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the free market system and

BE IT RESOLVED the Wyoming Republican Party request Congress oppose federal policies and international treaties that inhibit the development of Wyoming’s jobs and economy.

Crime and Law

1. Religious Liberty

WHEREAS the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution proclaims, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...” which protects the right to choose religious beliefs and the right to “exercise” or practice those beliefs; and

WHEREAS despite guarantees in the U.S. Constitution, recent social and legal trends are threatening Freedom of Religion by erroneously interpreting the First Amendment to mean freedom from religion. Religion needs protection from the state, not the other way around; and
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WHEREAS Americans have a Constitutional right and duty to exercise their religion, to vote their consciences on public issues, and to participate in elections and in debates in the public square. These are the rights of all citizens, religious or not;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the right of institutions, businesses, and individuals to refuse services that are inconsistent with their religious tenets and that would infringe upon their freedom of conscience of religious expression as stated in the First Amendment. We believe it is our duty to protect that right by ensuring that no one is forced by the government to violate their conscience and deeply held religious beliefs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party calls on the Wyoming legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation to protect said free exercise of religion and prohibit individuals and businesses from being forced to participate in activities contrary to their religious convictions and conscience.

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,

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, and

BE IT 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,

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
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authority within the jurisdictions of local, County, and State lands; now therefore,

BE IT 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. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING JUSTICE FOR WESTERN RANCHERS

WHEREAS, The truth about what the federal government has done to western ranchers and the people who have risked their lives to support them must be told, and justice must be done;

WHEREAS, An uprising occurred in eastern Oregon after federal agencies sentenced father and son ranchers, Dwight and Steven Hammond of Burns, Oregon, to 5 years in prison for the “crime” of utilizing common range management fires that spread slightly off of their own land and onto a small portion of adjacent public land;

WHEREAS, The federal charges brought against the Hammonds were extraordinarily severe, especially in light of the fact that federal land managers have, on numerous occasions, accidentally -- and at times, purposely -- burned thousands of acres of public and private property (including people’s homes, barns, and fences), without consequence to the agency or its employees, and without compensation to the land owners whose property they destroyed;

WHEREAS, The federal government’s own witness testified that the autumn 2001 management fire Dwight and Steven were convicted of igniting on their own land, actually “improved range conditions,” (Criminal Trial Transcript, at 377), and that Bureau of Land management (BLM) committed “no suppression resources” to extinguish the fire, (Criminal Trial Exhibit A-37);

WHEREAS, Curiously, the incredibly harsh charges against Dwight and Steven Hammond were preceded by a period of time in which the Hammonds had been publicly critical of federal land managers’ actions;

WHEREAS, The record shows that, for decades, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) deployed federal administrative powers to punitively regulate and prosecute the Hammond family in what now appear to be thinly veiled efforts to take and convert the Hammond ranch to federal control;

WHEREAS, For example, the Hammonds spent decades warding off federal land managers’ attempts to block them from trailing their cattle to their lawfully held grazing lands via historic stock driveways that are verified in historical records;

WHEREAS, In 1994, the BLM and USFWS arrested Dwight Hammond for protecting access to his legally owned water rights, and the federal agencies still continue to fence out the Hammonds’ access to their water despite the fact that their vested water rights have been upheld in State court;

WHEREAS, Between 1994 and 2006, even though the Hammonds held federal grazing permits attached to their statutorily protected grazing preference and vested stockwater rights, federal land managers
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stripped them of three BLM grazing permits and one Malheur National Wildlife Refuge grazing permit, thereby systematically gutting the size and economic viability of the Hammond ranch;

WHEREAS, In the fall of 2001, after receiving BLM permission, Dwight and Steven Hammond started a prescribed range management burn on their private land that spread to 137 acres of adjoining public land upon which the Hammonds owned grazing rights; however Steven reported it, the fire improved the range, and the BLM did not cite them for the fire – that is, until 9 years later;

WHEREAS, In 2006, during a violent thunderstorm, lightning ignited a wildfire that seriously threatened to wipe out the Hammond’s winter feeding grounds, and possibly even their barns and home;

WHEREAS, In 2006, during a violent thunderstorm, lightning ignited a wildfire that seriously threatened to wipe out the Hammond’s winter feeding grounds, and possibly even their barns and home;

WHEREAS, In a widely accepted firefighting practice, Steven Hammond started a strategic emergency backfire on his family’s private land which successfully saved their winter grazing areas, protected their home and barns, and potentially saved thousands of acres public land from being engulfed in the 2006 wildfire;

WHEREAS, Steven’s 2006 emergency backfire burned as little as 1 acre of adjoining public land, for which the BLM pursued criminal charges in state court; but District Attorney Tim Colahan reviewed the facts and declined to press charges against the Hammonds;

WHEREAS, In 2010, before the statute of limitations ran out on the 2001 fire, the BLM brought the Hammonds into federal court, indicting them on numerous charges relating to both fires;

WHEREAS, The BLM avoided bringing charges under their own statutes, including the one which specifically provides an exception for crimes related to fires started by ranchers who own grazing allotments in certain circumstances, i.e. “This section shall not apply in the case of a fire set by an allottee in the reasonable exercise of his property rights in the allotment,” 18 U.S.C. § 1855;

WHEREAS, Rather than citing Dwight and Steven for a “trespass burn”, which is the standard citation under BLM land-use statutes, federal prosecutors instead charged them as arsonists under the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 -- the law enacted by Congress in response to Timothy McVeigh’s horrendous bombing of a public building in Oklahoma City;

WHEREAS, Eventually the federal government’s claim that the Hammonds lit fires on public lands, endangered federal employees, and attempted to destroy government vehicles were unfounded; In fact, 10 of the 13 charges against the Hammonds were either dismissed or resulted in NOT GUILTY verdicts;

WHEREAS, The one count Dwight was convicted of related solely to the 2001 prescribed burn which improved the range, and was ignited on his private land after his son Steven had called the BLM Dispatcher and received the OK to burn (Criminal Trial Transcript, at 377; Exhibit A-37; Jury Verdict - Document 194);

WHEREAS, The two counts Steven was convicted of related solely to the 2001 range improvement fire and the 2006 emergency back burn – both of which the jury concluded had caused less than $1,000 in damage;
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WHEREAS, the Hammonds were only “convicted” of practices they never denied – that is lighting two range management fires on their own land in accordance with standard techniques, that caused essentially no harm, and are common among ranchers, farmers, and public land managers in the area;

WHEREAS, Federal District Court Judge Michael Hogan declared, “It would be cruel and unusual punishment for this crime to give them the mandatory minimum of five years” such as required under the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996;

WHEREAS, The Federal District Court Judge issued a sentence of 1 year for Steven, and 90 days for Dwight, and he even allowed the men to serve staggered terms so they could keep the family ranch afloat;

WHEREAS, After finally succeeding in obtaining a conviction against the Hammonds, albeit miniscule, the U.S. government filed an outrageous $1.3 million claim for damages in a civil suit and offered, in what amounts to extortion, to drop all charges on the condition that the Hammonds sign over two-thirds of their ranch to the federal government;

WHEREAS, Facing substantial threats from the U.S Government (perhaps the largest law firm in the world), the Hammonds agreed to a plea that would lower the fine from $1.3 million to $400,000 and give the federal government first right-of-refusal should the Hammonds ever be forced to sell their ranch;

WHEREAS, The Hammonds paid the fine and served out their sentences, but still the Federal Government pressed forward to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, demanding resentencing under the full force of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act to lock Dwight and Steven up for 5 years -- the very sentence Judge Hogan declined to apply, saying such a harsh punishment under the circumstances “would shock the conscience”;

WHEREAS, In what many in the West, and across the nation, view as a manifest miscarriage of justice akin to double jeopardy, Dwight and Steven Hammond were resentenced to five years in federal prison, both at the same time, making it impossible for them to help keep the family ranch going;

WHEREAS, Just before Dwight and Steven Hammond were to report back to prison for the 5 year terms, a large, but entirely peaceful, public march took place in their home town of Burns, Oregon; however the Hammonds, under threat from federal agencies, did not participate in it;

WHEREAS, At the conclusion of the peaceful march, numerous Americans risked their lives in a symbolic occupation of the desolate Malheur Wildlife Refuge, about 30 miles away, to draw a national spotlight to the plight of the Hammonds, and to request a redress of this and many other grievances concerning the federal government's crushing control of half of all land in western America;

WHEREAS, The Malheur protesters never pointed a firearm at anyone, and were not convicted of firearms violations, but Federal agents and Oregon State Police shot at several of them with deadly force as some of the protesters peaceably traveled to a public meeting, thereby wounding Ryan Bundy in the shoulder while he sat, unarmed, in the vehicle, and killing Lavoy Finicum after he exited the vehicle with hands up;
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WHEREAS, In the State of Nevada, a preceding case of conflict between the BLM and Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy had culminated in a tense standoff between BLM law enforcement agents and hundreds of conscientious Americans who had come to Bundy’s aid after government snipers were positioned around his home, other agents began brutally executing his cattle, and bystanders were roughed up for attempting to film it;

WHEREAS, The federal government pressed charges against Bundy, his sons, and others for their respective roles in the Nevada standoff as well as the Malheur protest, and held them in prison (without a conviction) for nearly 2 years; however the Bundy’s and most of the protesters were eventually found NOT GUILTY, or otherwise exonerated, on ALL counts;

WHEREAS, A seventeen-page whistleblowing letter, released by the federal government’s lead investigator (Special Agent Larry Wooten) in the Nevada standoff case, cited multiple cover ups within the federal agencies and a “widespread pattern of bad judgment, lack of discipline, incredible bias, unprofessionalism and misconduct, as well as likely policy, ethical and legal violations among senior and supervisory staff”;

WHEREAS, Agent Wooten’s whistleblower letter disclosed that a senior BLM law enforcement supervisor had bragged of a “Kill List” and that the BLM law enforcement operations center had photographs of Bundy and a supporter displayed on the command center bulletin board with prominent “x” marks drawn through the head and body of Cliven Bundy and the supporter;

WHEREAS, On December 20th, 2017, U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro declared a mistrial in the Nevada standoff case, citing “a universal sense of injustice” and “flagrant prosecutorial misconduct” after discovering that the BLM and Department of Justice (DOJ) had withheld massive amounts of evidence that contradicted the federal government's version of events and could have exonerated all of the accused;

WHEREAS, Among key evidence hidden by the BLM and DOJ was an FBI assessment concluding that the Bundy’s were not violent, that the BLM was trying to provoke conflict, and other government records proving that before Cliven Bundy summoned neighbors, friends, the county sheriff, the governor, legislators, and citizen militia to come to his defense, the BLM had indeed placed deadly sniper teams around his home while other agents began covertly and brutally executing his cattle;

WHEREAS, On January 10, 2018, the Chairman of the U.S House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources and the Chairman of the Congressional Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee issued a letter concerning numerous and serious reports of misconduct and possible criminal activity within the Bureau of Land Management related to the Bundy case and likely others;

WHEREAS, The aforementioned Congressional Chairmen's letter states, “The failures in the Bundy case and previous cases display serious misconduct by BLM law enforcement officials, and strongly suggest that there are systemic issues within BLM's law enforcement operations.”

WHEREAS, We have yet to know the full degree to which federal administrative, prosecutorial, and enforcement powers have been weaponized in a concerted effort by federal land management and environmental agencies, aided by federal courts and the Department of Justice, to extort exorbitant fines from law abiding people, deprive them of their property, denigrate their character, block lawful and
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beneficial uses of public lands, and destroy the lives and livelihoods of countless hard working Americans;

WHEREAS, For justice and the rule of law to mean anything in this country it must be applied equally to everyone -- not selectively against private citizens while in favor of federal employees; and certainly not for ulterior motives such as those exposed in the prosecutions of the Hammonds, the Bundy’s, and others;

WHEREAS, In 2016, the American people elected Donald J. Trump, a bold, dedicated and decisive President of the United States, who proclaimed that he would transfer power from Washington DC to the people and “Drain the Swamp” of corrupt, self-serving, and unjust elements within the federal government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, We, the Wyoming State Republican Party respectfully request that the President and the Congress of the United States of America do all in their respective Constitutional powers to immediately effect the following:

1) grant a full pardon to ranchers Dwight and Steven Hammond;
2) extinguish the federal government's first right of refusal on the Hammond ranch;
3) amend the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 to never again be improperly applied to people who use backfire to protect their property;
4) recognize and honor the Hammond and Bundy Ranch grazing rights;
5) withdraw all charges and/or grant a full pardon to all of the Malheur and Bunkerville protesters; and return all of their lawfully owned property to them;
6) ensure that all government conduct related to the Hammonds, Bundys, Malheur, and Bunkerville protesters, including conduct of the federal courts, be fully investigated so that malicious misconduct, deliberate bias, and criminal acts committed by government employees against the people are exposed, halted, and prosecuted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we, the Members of the Wyoming State Republican Party, commend President Donald J. Trump and stand with him in all Constitutional exertions to drain the proverbial swamp of self-serving power and corruption, restore the proper boundaries of federalism, return power to the States, and free our lands from onerous federal bureaucracy so that the public and private lands within each State can finally be managed with local care, knowledge, accountability, and justice.

5. Child Pornography and Sex Trafficking

WHEREAS child pornography and sex trafficking are among the most barbaric and heinous crimes of all;

BE IT 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 pornography and child sexual abuse to the fullest extent of the U. S. law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Republican Party believes that the state, local, and federal governments 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
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all convicted of child pornography or sex trafficking serve their full sentence without parole.

6. Constitutional-Carry Laws

WHEREAS, the interstate travel of all citizens in these United States is commonplace and their right to self-defense has been infringed,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports constitutional-carry by any law abiding citizen of the United States.

BE IT 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 law abiding citizens as described by the Heller decision, and calls for reciprocity of open- and concealed-carry laws and eliminate gun-free zones and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wyoming legislators immediately pass legislation and demand that the governor signs the legislation to extend constitutional-carry laws to all college and university campuses in Wyoming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party opposes the keeping of any government records of private ownership of guns and ammunition, to include hypothetical registration lists kept by school districts

7. Alternative Penal Policies

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports penal policies which can reduce prison populations without endangering society, such as minimum security and monitored work release programs for all nonviolent offenders with an emphasis on treatment and rehabilitation of drug and alcohol offenders to be financed by the offender, to the extent possible, or by court confiscated drug money.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party supports training programs for nonviolent offenders based on a merit/behavioral appraisal system, so ex-convicts can positively re-assimilate into society.

8. Constitutionality of Bills

BE IT 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 should cite, upon presentation, where in the US or Wyoming Constitution such action is authorized.
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9. No Exemptions For Elected State and Federal Officials From Laws

WHEREAS the President and the United States Congress and its members and staff, other federal
government officials, and officials of the state of Wyoming, are exempted from many of the laws that
Congress passes, which apply to the rest of the citizens, and

WHEREAS those said officials are also American citizens and live in this great nation and represent her
People, and

BE IT RESOLVED that all employees, contractors, elected or appointed officials of the United States
and/or Wyoming including without limitation the President and the executive branch, the judicial branch
and the United States Congress and its members and staff, along with the Governor of Wyoming, the
Wyoming State Legislature, and staff members, be required to adhere to all laws and regulations that
Congress and the Wyoming Legislature enact, and not be exempted from compliance.

10. No Grants of Special Rights or Privileges

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

BE IT 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 to them.

11. Powers of the Sheriff, Primary Law Enforcement Official

WHEREAS The US Constitution only authorizes the federal government to punish three crimes: Treason
(Article III, Section 3, Clause 3); Counterfeiting (Article I, Section 8, Clause 6), and Piracies (Article I,
Section 8, Clause 10), and

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,

BE IT 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.

12. Rumble Strips

WHEREAS, traveling across Wyoming roads is done by many motorists (commerce, tourist and
personal); and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and good repair of those roads is vital to that traveling; and

WHEREAS, the latest placement of rumble strips, on and over the top of the white lines of those roads,
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can inhibit such traveling and does not support maintenance or good repair of those roads; and

WHEREAS, the latest placement of rumble strips, produces a more constricted lane of travel for motorists and creates a more dangerous road for motorists;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party request the rumble strips placed on Wyoming roads, be entirely on the shoulder side of the white line of those roads; just as the rumble strips were previously located.

Government

1. Balanced Budget Amendment

WHEREAS the continued growth of the federal deficit threatens the security and sovereignty of our nation,

WHEREAS fiscal restraint is essential to responsible governance,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party demands that the U.S. Government should achieve a balanced budget through spending cuts, cutting entitlements, funding only those areas as constitutionally authorized and furthermore not increasing the current debt limit and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal government spending at all levels be restricted, consistent with our national security, while balancing the federal budget and eliminating the national debt.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party calls on the State of Wyoming legislature to pass a resolution calling for Congress to pass a balanced budget amendment.

2. Repeal the Affordable Care Act; Medical Care Reforms

BE IT 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

BE IT 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 Congress.

BE IT FURTHER 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. Reduce the Size of Federal Government

WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers believed that the government that governs least, governs best and the size and authority of the present Federal Government must far exceed what they ever could have imagined; therefore
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BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party believes the federal government should be reduced in size by increasing efficiency by reducing multiple agency overlap, and returning the function of government to within the scope of constitutional enumerated powers.

4. Single Issue Legislation

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for the Congress of the United States to pass single issue legislation immediately and obey it for all bills.

5. Federal Agency Rule-Making Curtailment

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

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

BE IT 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.

BE IT FURTHER 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.

6. Eminent Domain

The Wyoming Republican Party supports the primacy of private property rights as recognized by the Constitution of the State of Wyoming and support legislation that would limit the use of the government’s power of eminent domain.

7. ARTICLE V - Rescind Wyoming’s Application for Article V Convention

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Wyoming, acting with the best intentions, has, at various time, and various sessions, previously made applications to the Congress of the United States of America to call one or more conventions to propose either a single amendment concerning a specific subject or to call a general convention to propose an unspecified and unlimited number of amendments to the United States constitution, pursuant to the provisions of Article V thereof; and,

WHEREAS, former Justice of the United States of America, Warren E. Burger, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Arthur J. Goldberg and other leading constitutional scholars agree that such a convention may propose sweeping changes to the Constitution, any limitations or restrictions purportedly imposed by the states in applying for such a convention or conventions to the contrary notwithstanding, thereby creating an imminent peril to the well-established rights of the citizens and the duties of various levels of government; and,
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WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America has been amended many times in the history of this nation and may be amended many more times, without the need to resort to a constitutional convention, and has been interpreted for more than two hundred years and has been found to be a sound document which protects the lives and liberties of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, there is no need for, rather, there is great danger in, a new constitution or in opening the Constitution to sweeping changes, the adoption of which would only create legal chaos in this nation and only begin the process of another two centuries of litigation over its meaning and interpretation:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Wyoming Republican Party calls on the Legislature of the State of Wyoming to rescind, repeal, cancel, nullify, and supersede to the same effect as if they had never been passed, any and all extant applications by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, pursuant to the terms of Article V thereof, regardless of when or by which session or sessions of the Wyoming Legislature such applications were made and regardless of whether such applications were for a limited convention to propose one or more amendments regarding one or more specific subjects and purposes or for a general convention to propose an unlimited number of amendments upon an unlimited number of subjects.

8. Reverse Federal Reserve Policy Devaluing Our Currency

WHEREAS the Wyoming Republican Party opposes the uncontrolled printing or electronic creation of Federal Reserve notes by the Federal Reserve, and

WHEREAS by its printing of money and creation of loans to other central banks around the world, the Federal Reserve has greatly devalued our money, and

WHEREAS the Federal Reserve has, in effect, created its own foreign policy, not subject to review or approval by our elected officials,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party calls for a public audit of the Federal Reserve and the reinstatement of a commodity backed and stable currency.

9. Direct Appointment of Vacated Seats

WHEREAS precinct men and precinct women are elected to political party committees which are independent, distinct and separate from the county and state governments and political subdivisions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports a change to the current Wyoming Election Statutes to allow the direct appointment by the appropriate party of vacated elected offices.

10. Party Affiliation

BE IT 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
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General Election. Unregistered voters may register during this time period for any political party of their choice.

11. No Wyoming Income taxes

The Wyoming Republican Party strongly opposes the creation of a state income tax.

12. Voter Identification

BE IT RESOLVED, all persons must produce photo identification that provide proof of identity and presumption of United States Citizenship prior to being allowed to cast a vote in a municipal, county, state or federal elections.

Health and Society

1. Free Exchange of Ideas

WHEREAS the First Amendment is key to our Republic

BE IT RESOLVED that Wyoming Republican Party does not favor limiting the free exchange of ideas, such as there should be no speech codes or “safe zones” established on public property, including universities.

2. SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity)

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 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 wherever the terms “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” have been added to antidiscrimination 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, and private facilities. Also 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
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physicians of the right to decide treatments according to their own judgment 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” language was used to materially harm law-abiding citizens depriving them of liberty, property and good name,

THEREFORE, BE IT 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

BE IT FURTHER 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.

3. Right to Life

BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party believes that every human person has a right to life from the moment of conception until natural death.

4. Welfare Reform

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports reforming welfare to require able-bodied recipients to work and all recipients be drug tested.

5. Planned Parenthood Funding

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood organizations do exist;

WHEREAS the State of Wyoming currently allows monies to the State Health facilities who refer clients to Planned Parenthood,

WHEREAS Planned Parenthood nationally has engaged in selling fetal tissue and body parts of aborted babies,

WHEREAS the Wyoming Republican Party opposes abortion,

BE IT RESOLVED that no Planned Parenthood organization shall receive any government funds, neither federal, state nor local.

6. Retain Reference to God in the Pledge of Allegiance

WHEREAS God is to be honored,

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

7. 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;

BE IT THEREFORE 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.

8. 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

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

BE IT 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

BE IT FURTHER 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.

9. The Sale of Body Parts and Embryonic Stem Cell Cultivation

WHEREAS all human life is sacred, from conception until death,
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BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports legislation that forbids the sale of body parts and embryonic stem cell cultivation.

10. Medical Freedom

WHEREAS: The Wyoming Constitution states, “Absolute arbitrary power over the lives, liberty and property of freemen exists nowhere in a republic, not even in the largest majority” (Wyoming Constitution Article 1 Section 7) and

WHEREAS: The Wyoming Constitution also states, “Monopolies are contrary to the genius of a free state, and shall not be allowed” (Article 1 Section 30) and

WHEREAS: History has shown that, signatory to the Declaration of Independence, Dr. Benjamin Rush was correct when he said “Unless we put Medical Freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship…to restrict the art of healing to one class of men, and deny equal privilege to others, will be to constitute the Bastille of Medical Science. All such laws are un-American and despotic and have no place in a Republic…. The Constitution of this Republic should make special privilege for Medical Freedom as well as Religious Freedom.”

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Wyoming Republican party urges the Wyoming Legislature to enact such laws as will provide equal footing to all medical modalities and disciplines, such as naturopathy, homeopathy, herbalism (not to be construed as legalization of medical marijuana), acupuncture, midwifery etc.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, The Wyoming Republican Party supports transition to a free-market healthcare system.

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;

BE IT 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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party believes that the ownership of private property is a cornerstone to personal freedom in the Republic only so long as the rights of property owners are never infringed upon by government, industry, or any non-governmental collective at any level, thus allowing owners to do with their property as they see fit in the best interests of their own life, their family and their future heirs,
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BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the protection of private property rights as long as it does not infringe on the rights of others.

2. Anthropogenic Climate Change

BE IT 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,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Wyoming Republican Party opposes any attempt to encroach upon water and/or water rights belonging to and administered by the State of Wyoming, and compels the state engineer to vigorously defend Wyoming’s water rights, laws and compacts and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER 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;

THEREFORE, BE IT 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

BE IT 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. Public Lands

WHEREAS, the federal government is failing to administer public 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,

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;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party will work to transfer the administration of public lands to the States with the stipulation that the States will not sell or transfer to private use without three quarters
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authorization from the state legislature.

BE IT FURTHER 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.

7. Federal Lands

BE IT 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.

8. Wyoming State Sovereignty Over Matters Within the State Boundary

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;

THEREFORE, BE IT 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, and the Pursuit of Happiness, as specified by the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

9. 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
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value through regulation as a compensable taking, and;

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

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

10. Action on Wilderness Study Areas

BE IT 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,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the abolishment of the Wilderness Study Areas in Wyoming.

BE IT FURTHER 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.


WHEREAS regarding livestock in the state of Wyoming, our Wyoming Livestock Board has an adequate and functional system in place for identification in case of an Animal Disease Traceback event, and

WHEREAS said Livestock Board is further improving identification and traceback capabilities by implementing a digital system that will be compliant with the federal rule, and

WHEREAS the Independent Cattlemen of Wyoming, a statewide agriculture organization formed to promote and protect Wyoming ranches and families has passed a similar resolution,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party demands that legislation on federal animal identification be limited to current brand laws and present means of animal identification.

12. Re-establish State Control Over Water Resources

WHEREAS such agencies as the Environmental Protection Agency and their officials have imposed undue hardship on American citizens, particularly in production agriculture, and

WHEREAS Wyoming's water laws are recognized by surrounding states to be the best around, and

WHEREAS Wyoming's water should not come under the control of the federal government,

BE IT RESOLVED that "Navigable Waters" should continue to mean streams and rivers that are navigable year around. Further, the Clean Water Act should remain applicable only to Navigable Waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to oppose any attempt to export water from Wyoming and,
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THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Wyoming Republican Party supports Wyoming’s Sovereign right to manage all water within its borders

**Education**

1. **Education Standards**

BE IT 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, To recognize the diversity of needs, learning styles, and achievement objectives in educating Wyoming students in the K-12 educational system, as well as the important roles historically played by parents, teachers, and local and state officials in that system, and therefore to reject and repeal the mandatory universal adoption and implementation statewide of the so called “Common Core Standards” in mathematics and English language arts, Science and History the standardized tests associated therewith developed by the “Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers” (PARCC).

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,

BE IT 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;

BE IT 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 there have been 291 school shootings in the United States of America since 2013; and

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports the training and arming of qualified school staff on school campuses; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports removal of the designation "Gun Free Zone" from all school campuses.

5. Wyoming Control of Wyoming Education

BE IT 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.

6. History

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

BE IT 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.

7. Charter Schools

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party calls on the Wyoming Legislature to create laws more favorable to the creation and operation of charter schools in the State of Wyoming.

8. 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

BE IT 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The University of Wyoming should remove one administrative position each year until the administrative positions reflect 2010 numbers

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Community Colleges should remove one administrative position each year until the number of administrators reflect 2010 numbers

9. Four Year programs at Community Colleges

WHEREAS, Wyoming’s Constitution requires the state to provide education at the most affordable rate,
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and

WHEREAS, Community Colleges have for more than a decade allowed students to take up to 21 credits for one full-time rate tuition, and

WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming is also adopting a one full time tuition rate

BE IT RESOLVED the Wyoming Republican Party supports the ability of community colleges to offer four-year programs.

BE IT RESOLVED the Community College Commission return the community colleges to one full time tuition rate so as not to punish Wyoming’s students and allow them to remain in the state for their college education.

BE IT RESOLVED the Wyoming Republican Party supports the coordination of effort between Wyoming community colleges and the University to allow for the transfer of comparable course credits between the colleges and the university and allow colleges to offer four-year programs.

10. Student Wellbeing

WHEREAS the current social culture continues progression toward confusing gender identities and that this confusion is infiltrating our schools, the courts interpretations of our family structure and parental rights;

WHEREAS we recognize the reasonable expectation of the privacy and the wellbeing of our students;

WHEREAS we recognize the fundamental right of parents to guide their child’s education; and that public schools should not undermine the values of parents;

WHEREAS the wellbeing of 99% of our school children who choose to identify with their biological gender should not have to be subjugated to those do not;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Republican Party supports continued biological separation of male and female specific bathrooms, showers and locker rooms in our public schools.

11. Chastise the University of Wyoming

WHEREAS the Wyoming Republican Party requested a waiver of University of Wyoming Regulation 2-178, for the 2018 Wyoming Republican State Convention to allow Republican Delegates to exercise their God-given inalienable right protected by the 2nd amendment of the U.S. Constitution

BE IT RESOLVED the Wyoming Republican Party chastises the University of Wyoming for not acknowledging or responding to the request for the waiver in a timely manner and for threatening to arrest and cite Wyoming Citizens for exercising their said right.

We encourage our Republican State Legislators remember this when next funding the University of Wyoming.