

2009 Republican State Convention | Resolutions

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2009-01 Commendation of President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Republican State and Federal Office Holders, and Grassroots Volunteers

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush, our Commander-in-Chief, with the assistance of Vice President Richard B. Cheney protected us from terrorists as evidenced by the fact that there have been no significant terrorist incidents since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, President Bush nominated extremely qualified conservative Justices for Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, President Bush and Vice President Cheney unceasingly supported our military; and

WHEREAS, President Bush was reelected in 2004 because of his commitment and perseverance in defending our country; and

WHEREAS, President Bush continued on despite fierce criticism from those who would undermine the effort for political reasons; and

WHEREAS, Republican elected officials, both state and federal, continue to serve their constituents well with dignity and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Grassroots Volunteers are those truly special members of the Republican Party who contribute to the organization's successes in so many ways, big and small, throughout the year and during election campaigns:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, thanks former President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney for their leadership and their commitment to keep America safe, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, recognizes and extends our appreciation and thanks to those Republican elected officials who serve the citizens of Wisconsin at the state and federal level, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, commends and extends its sincere appreciation to those special members of the Republican Party who selflessly offer their precious time, skills, experience and talents to improving and strengthening our organization, and enabling it to realize the success it continues to achieve.

2009-02 Military Commendations

WHEREAS, our military is comprised of hundreds of thousands of dedicated volunteers that uphold our freedom and way of life; and

WHEREAS, many men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice in the war on terror and many have been wounded while defending our freedom and safety; and

WHEREAS, the families of our service men and women do bravely endure separation from their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the actions of our armed forces have won the respect of the nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, extends our heartfelt gratitude to the men and women and their families who serve in our armed forces and vows to remember them in our thoughts and prayers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports a military policy that allows our service men and women to defend themselves without fear of reprisal and regardless of where the enemies are found, no matter where they hide out even if presumed to be off limits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, humbly asks God to bless and protect our troops and to bring them home to us as soon as the job is done.

2009-03 National Defense Resolution

WHEREAS, the principal duties of the government of the United States are the defense of our nation, promotion of our national interests and protection of the security of our citizens from those whose objectives or purposes run counter to those of the United States of America, including terrorists, individual tyrants and governments; and

WHEREAS, the priorities of our federal government under non-Republican administrations have tipped from defense to social programs; and

WHEREAS, among those in today's world with designs of evil and ill intent toward the people and government of the United States are terrorists such as those of the al Qaeda network, and other tyrants and rogue states; and

WHEREAS, nuclear, chemical, and biological weaponry has been produced, procured or is sought by these enemies of America and liberty; and

WHEREAS, these facts of today's world demonstrate unequivocally the importance of a strong and ready military force, not to be weakened by social pressures, backed by an intelligence capability unparalleled, with the full support of the American people it defends and protects:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled:

A. Supports a strong national defense, achieved in part by increasing the size of the United States Military and by diligent and continued development of weapons systems and technologies, and increasing the training and compensation of the American fighting forces, the finest military personnel in all the world, as may be necessary for the United States to defend itself against all enemies and to honor our commitment to our allies, and

B. Encourages and supports a heightened awareness for and action to provide a solid and ready national defense against conventional, nuclear, chemical, biological or cyber-attack, or means not yet contemplated or demonstrated, and

C. Supports the continued development and deployment of the Missile Defense System to safeguard our nation against missile attack, and

D. Supports the wisdom, knowledge, and experience of our military's leadership to develop and implement personnel decisions consistent with the development and deployment of a military force that is disciplined, orderly and effective, such that it remains the preeminent force without equal or threat, and

E. Opposes the sale or transfer of technology or weapons or information that offer the potential compromise of our nation's defense to unfriendly parties or unreliable nations, and

F. Supports an improved development and procurement effort to enhance the ability of our nation to defend itself in a cost-effective manner that is consistent with accomplishing the objectives as noted in this resolution, and

G. Supports the use of domestic surveillance to monitor contacts between foreign terrorists and their accomplices in the United States, and

H. Supports the premises that a strong military is the prime objective for having a military force in the first place, and that any attempt to weaken the military through political correctness is absolutely wrong, and

I. Supports Peace Through Strength that was so effective during the Reagan and Bush administrations, and

J. Supports prohibitions against placing our troops under UN command at any time and against involvement with U.N. peace-keeping missions and other military missions with questionable interests to the United States or its citizens, and

K. Urges withdrawal from restrictive treaty obligations that hinder the above objectives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, advocates that the United States Congress openly establish expectations and auditing requirements and if the UN does not comply that Congress consider dissolving our membership and guarantee that our sovereignty be protected, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, calls upon the President and members of Congress to do all that is necessary, including but not limited to using military force, preemptively, if necessary, to protect the citizens of the United States and those other country's citizens that are threatened by terrorists, terrorist organizations or countries that harbor, fund, or give any aid and comfort, whatsoever, to terrorists.

2009-04 Right to Keep and Bear Arms

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution (in the Second Amendment) and the Wisconsin Constitution both guarantee the right to bear arms; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin does not allow law-abiding citizens to obtain permits allowing them to carry weapons for their self-defense; and

WHEREAS, virtually every state has adopted such legislation allowing their citizens to obtain permits to carry concealed weapons for their self-defense; and

WHEREAS, in those states which have adopted such legislation there has been a significant drop in crime, as criminals realized they could no longer count on finding easy (unarmed) prey; and

WHEREAS, in those states which have adopted such legislation, the number of incidents of misuse of the concealed weapon resulting in the revocation of the permit has been negligible; and

WHEREAS, reform of the criminal justice system, not gun control, is the key to reducing violent crime in our society; and

WHEREAS, there are efforts underway in Wisconsin and across the country to introduce legislation, called "Ammunition Accountability" that will restrict purchase of ammunition by enacting extreme taxes and tag the ammunition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges the state of Wisconsin and the U.S. Congress to pass legislation to prohibit individuals or organizations from suing manufacturers of guns and ammunition for damage caused by illegal acts committed by individuals or gangs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges the Wisconsin State Legislature and governor to adopt with all due haste legislation permitting law-abiding citizens to obtain a permit to carry concealed weapons after passing a background check and completing a suitable firearms familiarization, use, and safety course, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports federal legislation to require states to honor concealed weapons permits granted by other states, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports the right to keep and bear arms and opposes any piece-meal gun control legislation that would erode this right, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, strongly opposes any attempt to pass the "Ammunition Accountability Act" or similar legislation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges that our rights be strengthened to prohibit all attempts to confiscate firearms and reinforce individual rights to protect themselves, their home, their families and property from criminal intrusion or invasion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports strict punishment of criminal activity involving firearms.

2009-05 Sanctity of Human Life

WHEREAS, our founding fathers recognized life as an inalienable, divine right which the Republican Party has reaffirmed in declaring abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia as violations of this sacred and basic human right; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution guarantee that no person shall be deprived of life without due process of the law; and

WHEREAS, in his first days in office, Barack Obama sent U.S. taxpayers' money to fund abortions overseas and to promote policies that lead to coerced or forced sterilizations and abortions, as a result of "family planning" being imposed on families in third-world countries; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin's teaching hospital is implementing plans for an expanded abortion facility that would perform 2nd trimester abortions, disregarding its mission and using state funding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, reaffirms its support for the rights of the unborn, and for the struggle to ensure that our government and our society protect and respect innocent human life in all its forms, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled:

A. Insists that our federal and state legislators reaffirm the sanctity of all human life and reestablish

legal protection of innocent human life from conception to natural death through legislation and a human life amendment to both the state and federal constitutions, and
B. Demands that our state legislators support and pass legislation allowing individuals and/or institutions in the health care field to exempt themselves from any and all abortion procedures, and
C. Demands the United States Congress pass legislation banning research on fetal tissue and all human cloning, and
D. Demands our federal and state governments not directly or indirectly fund abortions, and
E. Demands that the selling of baby body parts and/or fetal tissue be prohibited with the exception of blood and blood products, and
F. Urges our state and national legislators to impose reasonable limits on abortion, such as spousal notification, counseling, waiting requirements, a prohibition on crossing state lines, and parental notification requirements in cases of minors seeking abortions, and
G. Urges our state and national legislators to be sensitive to the difficult circumstances surrounding unplanned pregnancies, and supports programs which provide guidance, in a compassionate manner, to help mothers who face an unplanned pregnancy to understand the options available to them, in particular the option of saving the life of each mother's unborn child through adoption, and
H. Opposes the use of embryonic stem cells and recognizes the contribution of and ongoing research, and
I. Urges our legislators to mandate that abortion providers inform their patients seeking a 2nd or 3rd trimester abortion that their baby will feel extreme pain, and
J. Opposes state funding for RU-486 and other emergency contraception, and feels that no business should be forced to sell such products, and
K. Urges the State of Wisconsin to apply for federal funding of the Wisconsin Cord Blood Bank, thus promoting ethical research.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, opposes use of taxpayer money to fund foreign programs which promote abortion and coerced sterilizations, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, strongly opposes the Freedom of Choice Act which would eliminate all Federal and State laws that restrict abortions, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, strongly opposes the creation of an abortion clinic at the University of Wisconsin hospital and demands that our Republican leaders join the fight for life against any organization or medical facility that attempts to perform 2nd trimester abortions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges Federal and State legislators deny funding to facilities or organizations that promote or perform assisted suicide or euthanasia and oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges passage of the Sanctity of Human Life Act, and that we support legislation to remove the question of abortion from the jurisdiction of federal courts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports the enactment of a ban on partial birth abortion.

2009-06 Family Values and Preservation of Parental Rights

WHEREAS, the family is the basic unit of society, and it is the natural right and obligation of parents to raise and educate their children; and

WHEREAS, governments have been infringing on parental rights:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled:

- A. Opposes any and all infringement of parental rights and obligations by any branch of government, and
- B. Insists that parents have access to any government files and records concerning their children, including records, files, and reports held by schools, and
- C. Rejects any United Nations Organization conventions that infringe on the parental rights of U.S. parents and guardians, and
- D. Desires explicit legal definitions of "child abuse" to prevent parental harassment, and
- E. Recognizes that parents have the right and obligation to discipline their children including the reasonable use of corporal punishment, and

F. Urges that a child should not be removed from an allegedly abusive home until a judge has reviewed the factual basis for that removal, unless overwhelming facts dictate need for immediate action, and
G. Recognizes that parents have the right to counsel at all stages when a child is being removed from their home, and
H. Urges our state legislators to support and pass legislation requiring that all funding for family planning be based upon the principle of abstinence before marriage, and
I. Endorses the principle that the primary responsibility of teaching family values, sexual education and personal responsibility should be upon parents and places of worship, and
J. Supports legislation that guarantees and protects the Father's inalienable right to decide against any decision to end his unborn child's life, and
K. Urges our local leaders and legislators to support restrictions on pornography in public places to the greatest extent constitutionally permissible, and limits on minors' access to pornographic sites on the internet at schools and libraries, and
L. Urges that the name of parents who are enablers of juvenile delinquent minors and the proven crime be released to the media to create accountability of the parents.

2009-07 Taxes

WHEREAS, Wisconsin remains one of the top taxed states in the country; and
WHEREAS, high and punitive rates of taxation impede growth and discourage businesses from doing business in Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, high taxes stifle economic growth, discourage innovation and entrepreneurship, and diminish an individual's ability to realize the American dream; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin taxpayers have been provided with little or no legislative protection from referenda presented to voters without complete financial information; and

WHEREAS, a Taxpayer Protection Amendment (TPA) limits the amount of revenue that the state or special purpose district, school district, technical college district, county, city, village, or town may receive in a given year, thereby limiting their spending; and

WHEREAS, it is unfair and detrimental to economic growth to require businesses to pay property taxes on items just because they are located at their business; and

WHEREAS, proposed surtaxes aimed at selective industries drive businesses out of state; and

WHEREAS, we support the following principles:

A. Annual state and local spending growth be limited to the rate of population growth and inflation, and

B. Excess revenues collected above this limit should be used to create a budget stabilization fund, an emergency fund, and refunded to the taxpayers, and

C. Tax increases should only be enacted by the people's vote:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports a Taxpayer Protection Amendment to the Wisconsin state constitution and urges its adoption, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, believes taxation should be limited to fulfill only governments constitutional responsibilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports ending the practice of attaching policy-making bills to the budget and calls for each policy bill to be introduced separately by title, and be debated fully and passed by recorded votes by both houses of the legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, believes there should be a national debate discussing various alternative means of taxation including but not limited to a single flat income tax, repealing the income tax and replacing it with a national sales tax, and reducing spending to the point where the income tax can be repealed without the need to replace it with a national sales tax or any other form of taxation. The new tax system should be implemented promptly, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, demands Congress eliminate all earmarks.

2009-08 No Taxation without Representation

WHEREAS, taxation without representation is unfair, unjust, and unconstitutional; and
WHEREAS, there exist a number of government jurisdictions with taxing authority whose governing boards are not elected by the public, including but not limited to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District (MMSD), drainage districts, the Wisconsin Center District, the Miller Park Stadium District, the Technical College Boards, and proposed authorities such as the Regional Transportation Authority:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges that all taxing authorities be elected not appointed, to their positions by the voters in the communities they serve.

2009-09 Economy & Opposition to Government Bailouts

WHEREAS, funds used for "bailouts" or "rescues" of private enterprises have the effect of:

- increasing the national debt
- rewarding failure
- encouraging irresponsibility
- undermining the virtues of self-reliance and responsibility
- creating moral hazards; and

WHEREAS, "bailouts" or "rescues" of private enterprises increase government intervention into and control of the private sector, which is antithetical to the concepts of free enterprise, a free society and limited government;
and

WHEREAS, government interference in private markets exacerbates problems in the marketplace and causes the free market to take longer to correct itself; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the free market is the best tool to sustained prosperity and opportunity for all; and
WHEREAS, the Obama Administration has promised transparency but has not delivered:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, opposes the use of federal funds to "bailout" or "rescue" any private enterprise from their failures, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, opposes the irresponsible and destructive "stimulus" package that was passed by Congress and the Obama administration,
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports an economic stimulus package which will cut taxes for individuals and small businesses that are actually paying taxes, and reduce the corporate income tax in order to create jobs and encourage investment,
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, calls for a federal and state tax "holiday" to stimulate the economy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, demands transparency in government spending and in particular the funds being doled out by the Federal Reserve, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, opposes state and local politicians that accept federal funds that will require additional local or state funding to continue programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, recommends that a Mandate Relief Act Committee be established that would review all bills that place a requirement on local government. If the committee concludes a bill and/or rule is unfunded, it must introduce an amendment appropriating funds for the bill and/or rule to offset its costs and if the legislature does not pass funding, the mandate is null and void.

2009-10 Supporting Sound Money

WHEREAS, our founding fathers warned us of the dangers of allowing central bankers to control our currency;
and

WHEREAS, we recognize the moral hazard created by the Federal Reserve and the eminent danger of a

collapse in the value of our dollar; and
WHEREAS, we also recognize that inflation equals taxation without representation; and
WHEREAS, the Obama Administration and in particular, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner indicated that they will consider participating in the destruction of the U.S. dollar by suggesting support for a global currency:
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports H.R. 833, the Federal Reserve Board Abolition Act, a bill to abolish the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve banks, and to repeal the Federal Reserve Act, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, expresses extreme displeasure with the appointment of a Treasury Secretary who not only does not pay his own taxes but also who apparently would support the destruction of America's currency, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, vehemently rejects attempts to establish a global currency as antithetical to our national freedom.

2009-11 Social Security Reform

WHEREAS, the Social Security system, as it exists, will begin to lose money due to the changing proportion of retirees to workers; and
WHEREAS, if nothing is done, benefits will be cut and taxes will be raised in order to maintain the current system; and
WHEREAS, the current system forces workers to pay into Social Security without guaranteeing benefits upon their retirement:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports reforms to the Social Security system that will give workers the option to invest in personal retirement accounts while maintaining benefits to retirees who faithfully paid into the system.

2009-12 Benefit Equity Proposal

WHEREAS, 99% of public sector employers (state taxpayers) pick up most, if not all, of employee retirement contributions to the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS); and
WHEREAS, in 2010 the contributions from these same taxpayers are expected to increase due to 2008 investment losses; and
WHEREAS, the people who fund these benefits have been responsible for funding the overwhelming majority of their own retirement contributions; and
WHEREAS, these same taxpayers have seen their own retirement plans decimated and will have to work well past their planned retirement dates, working longer and living on substantially less; and
WHEREAS, the private sector shoulders much more of the risk of economy fluctuations and the demands of competitive productivity than the public sector could even dream of; and
WHEREAS, elected officials, regrettably on both sides of the aisle, pander to the public sector unions by sweetening contracts in the hopes of votes:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, calls for our legislators to bring public sector benefits in line with the private sector through a plan similar to Northeastern Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce's "Benefit Equity" proposal which would provide new employees in the public sector with lower pension contributions, less expensive health coverage and more reasonable leave practices, and to work to provide relief within current law allowing local units of government the flexibility to bargain for lower cost benefits by expanding what the arbitrator may consider to include local economic factors and conditions.

2009-13 Social Security Number Privacy

WHEREAS, individual social security numbers are used for many reasons such as financial, medical, and personal identification; and

WHEREAS, due to the above reasons, social security numbers need to be well protected by entities using it for reasons of personal identification; and

WHEREAS, breach of the privacy for an individual's social security number may cause many challenges to all aspects of their life; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has allowed vital citizens' social security numbers to be mistakenly mailed numerous times:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, encourages the State of Wisconsin to take stronger measures to secure the privacy of its citizens, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, recommends the State of Wisconsin use an alternative identification system to further prevent risk to Wisconsin citizens and countless tax dollars trying to correct the errors.

2009-14 Fairness in Agricultural Production, Service, and Marketing

WHEREAS, United States farmers lead the world in agricultural production and quality; and

WHEREAS, federal and state agricultural policy significantly affects farm income; and

WHEREAS, United States farmers face domestic competition from foreign commodities without equal competition in those same markets; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin farmers must have equal opportunity to compete in the agricultural production markets (dairy, beef, hog, field crops) with counterparts in other states, but are currently hampered and disadvantaged by artificial, government created barriers; and

WHEREAS, current federal dairy policy has caused Wisconsin dairy farmers to be placed at a competitive disadvantage to dairy producers in other regions of the United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled:

A. Opposes any farm program that interferes with a free, competitive market, and

B. Supports the elimination of rules and regulations that interfere with the free flow of dairy products including raw milk and its products, and opposes the setting of a basic floor price for milk, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports completely open foreign markets to U.S. agricultural products, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges that the National Animal Identification System should be eliminated or greatly reduced to a purely voluntary program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports the bringing of California into the Federal Milk Marketing Order System, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports holding imported agricultural products to the same health and sanitary standards as domestic products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, support of the intrusive smart growth and comprehensive plan legislation.

2009-15 Election Reform

WHEREAS, widespread election fraud has long involved citizens casting multiple votes from multiple registrations and multiple impersonations, and has now come to include the registration and voting of noncitizens; and

WHEREAS, current programs such as on-site registration invite fraud at the polling place; and

WHEREAS, social security cards, driver's licenses, and similar identification cards are so plentiful today that it is very easy for the individual to provide; and

WHEREAS, it has become more and more evident that rampant voter fraud is occurring in the state of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration plans to take control over the census which will call into question the integrity of redistricting; and

WHEREAS, the integrity of our electoral system must be restored:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled:

A. Supports the requirement of valid photo identification when registering to vote and when voting, and
B. Urges the prohibition of voter registration at the polls or within 10 days of any election, and
C. Demands that prosecution, to the fullest extent of the law, of anyone found to have broken any laws relating to ballot registration or ballot casting, and
D. Supports transparency in the qualifications of candidates for public office, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges passage of legislation to return to the requirement that voters show that they are unable to vote on Election Day before they are issued an absentee ballot, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, demands that the Commerce Department conduct the census and that ACORN or other political groups not be involved in conducting the census.

2009-16 Union Political Activity

WHEREAS, compulsory union dues provide unions vast amounts of money to spend on elections and political advocacy with which the contributors may not agree; and
WHEREAS, all politically active organizations and groups, including unions, should be subject to the same election finance reporting regulations:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges that all political fundraising be solicited separately and not combined with any other union dues or fees, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, calls for the State legislature to pass a Paycheck Protection Act that will require written consent by individual union members before their union can levy dues for political purposes and that forbids employers from deducting political monies from employees' paychecks, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, opposes the "Card Check"/Employee Free Choice Act, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges reinstatement of the executive order directing enforcement of the Supreme Court's *Beck* decision ruling that union members be informed of the amount of their dues spent on political activity, and giving those union members the right to a refund of that portion of their dues and the right to refuse the use of dues for political activity.

2009-17 Education

WHEREAS, virtual schools have come under attack by the leadership of the state teacher's union; and
WHEREAS, parents have the fundamental right and responsibility to educate their children as they see fit and provide for their moral guidance; and
WHEREAS, parents should have as much choice as possible in selecting the right school for their children; and
WHEREAS, many schools now emphasize social behaviors at the expense of academics; and
WHEREAS, vigorous competition from independent schools will stimulate government schools to strive for and achieve excellence:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled:
A. Urges that parents of school-age children be given vouchers or tax credits designed to give all parents equal freedom of choice in education without regard to their financial means, and
B. Urges that religiously oriented schools not be discriminated against for exercising their freedom of religion, and
C. Demands that the right to home school shall not be abridged, and
D. Urges our state legislators and local school boards to push for curriculum changes that place greater emphasis on the basics, including science, social studies, mathematics, reading, and phonics, and eliminate all programs whose objectives are social engineering or advocacy of special interests, and
E. Urges the state legislature to stop schools from advocating gay and lesbian behavior, and
F. Urges the state legislature to stop schools from providing contraception to students, and

G. Calls for the state legislature to eliminate funding of 4-year-old kindergarten, and
H. Urges our elected Republican leaders to fight the Obama Administration as well as any state initiatives that would promote 3K or any Zero-to-Five government-funded initiatives, and
I. Urges Congress to pass legislation that prohibits schools from forcing or coercing parents to put their children on drugs and eliminates all funding for government-mandated mental health screening of all children, and
J. Supports academic efforts that ensure that the presentation of our history and founding principles in our educational institutions, including those of higher learning, is objective, truthful and complete, and
K. Believes that school boards should have discretion as to the teaching of intelligent design within their districts, and
L. Urges that the religious heritage of our nation be taught, and
M. Opposes the teaching of the new definition of tolerance which requires that a person not only tolerates or allows other beliefs/behaviors but also mandates the acceptance and approval of those beliefs and behaviors, and
N. Recommends that stronger and firmer discipline in schools by teachers be allowed and promoted to make the schools safe for those who want to learn and help reduce the influence of gangs and drug users, and
O. Opposes affirmative action and racial quotas in our Wisconsin educational system, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports legislation to make it easier to fire unsatisfactory teachers in the public schools, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports local school districts' decision to set up virtual schools and parents right to participate in their children's education and to choose virtual schools for their children's education, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges that libraries in all publicly-funded schools and municipalities have a balance of reading materials that are subject to review by local elected officials, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled:
A. Affirms our freedom to worship both privately and publicly, in the home, the school, the public forum and the workplace, providing that others are not coerced into participation or discriminated against because of differing beliefs, and
B. Urges lawmakers to advise the courts that they should properly interpret and apply the constitutional right to worship and expression of religious faith.

2009-18 English as the Official Language

WHEREAS, the English language is the language of business throughout the world; and
WHEREAS, it has become common practice in some United States bureaucracies to accord special language privileges which circumvent the adoption and learning of English; and
WHEREAS, the practice of printing of United States business in multiple languages for local usage is adding an unnecessary financial burden to our cost of governing; and
WHEREAS, the lack of elementary knowledge of English often results in the impairment of a person's ability to become productive in American society; and
WHEREAS, such required teaching would not prevent any citizen from learning and speaking other languages and would not prevent local school boards from providing bilingual education:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, recommends that English be declared the only official language of the United States and of the State of Wisconsin, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, recommends that English be required in all schools within the State of Wisconsin and the nation as a whole, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, encourages and supports those individuals seeking U.S. citizenship to acquire at least a basic proficiency in the English language in order to ensure their success as American citizens, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, believes

that proficiency in the English language should be a prerequisite to obtaining any state licenses or permits and citizenship.

2009-19 Opposition to Mandated Government Controlled Health Care

WHEREAS, Government on both the state and federal levels are attempting to take control of our health care; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration's universal healthcare proposal will hurt our economy while doing nothing to control the increase in health care costs; and

WHEREAS, universal, government-based health care has proven to lead to increased cost and decreased access to healthcare for most consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Democrat-controlled legislature is proposing the introduction of socialized medicine in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, our state and federal governments are threatening to mandate health care coverage for every Wisconsinite and U.S. Citizen:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, calls upon the Republicans in Congress to oppose any attempt the Obama Administration and Congressional Democrats to adopt a universal healthcare program for the United States of America, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, opposes attempts by the governor and state legislature to enact the proposal they call "Healthy Wisconsin" and any other state or federal government-controlled health care, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges specific measures, such as Health Savings Accounts, Health Insurance Co-ops and greater transparency of health care costs that are market and consumer-based,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges both the state and the federal governments to halt the slide to health care socialism; and instead, promote the cure to problems in the health care industry by relying more on deregulation, free enterprise, individual responsibility, and market-oriented solutions that are market and consumer based and address the needs of the poor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, understands that health care is in critical need of repair and urge Republican elected officials take leadership roles to find solutions, and

2009-20 Promoting National Energy Independence

WHEREAS, reliable sources of energy are essential to maintaining economic prosperity and security; and

WHEREAS, our country's reliance on foreign sources of energy is detrimental to our economy, balance of trade, and national security:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports the renewed use of nuclear power, and investigation and development of other energy sources within the private sector, to meet our state and nation's energy needs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports greater exploration and development of oil resources within our country, including opening up small portions of the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge for energy exploration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, we strongly oppose interference in the free market by mandating or subsidizing the use of ethanol as an additive to or substitute for gasoline at both the state and federal level, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports removal of restrictions on the building of refineries, and supports the minimization of the requirements for specialty blends of gasoline, all of which will make the United States less dependent on foreign oil and will reduce the cost of our energy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges the government to allow citizens the right to the use of their own natural resources.

2009-21 Opposing Wisconsin "Safe Climate Legislation"

WHEREAS, Governor Doyle's Global Warming Task Force has issued a report calling for extensive state legislation, regulations, and other measures to cut the state's emissions of "greenhouse gases;" and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation and other initiatives will have no measurable benefits for the state's environment, people, or other resources; and

WHEREAS, human ability to influence climate has not been determined by the scientific community to any degree of certainty; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation in Wisconsin to decrease "greenhouse gases" would create a large, expensive bureaucracy, and would result in higher prices for electricity, gas, oil and ultimately all consumer items and have other serious economic consequences for the businesses and people of our state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges the State Legislature to oppose all efforts to pass legislation or adopt other measures that are aimed at reducing "greenhouse gases" or "fighting" global warming and/or climate change, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports continued research to understand the dynamics of climate change and opposes all State or Federal legislation that is based upon inconclusive, incomplete, or contradictory research.

2009-22 Local Zoning Control

WHEREAS, Basic conservative values promote local property rights and local control of issues; and

WHEREAS, The Public Service Commission (PSC) is promoting a revision of SS 66.0401 that would restrict the zoning and permitting authority of counties, towns and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, One size does not fit all in locating industrial facilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports that siting and permitting rights of renewable energy facilities (REF's) remain with the county, township or municipality.

2009-23 Tort Reform

WHEREAS, frivolous lawsuits and extraordinary damage awards burden all citizens because they result in increased costs for services and products; and

WHEREAS, frivolous lawsuits drain resources from law-abiding businesses, health care providers and individuals alike and these lawsuits are being used by governments, trial lawyers and other groups as a means of social engineering:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports a change in the joint and several liability concept that would limit awards against each defendant to the actual percentage of that defendant's liability, thereby eliminating the "deep pockets" concept, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges legislation requiring plaintiffs to show a direct causal link between the defendant party's breach of duty and the actual damages incurred by the plaintiff, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports restricting class action lawsuits to those who actually suffer harm or economic loss, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges limiting compensation for "pain and suffering", "emotional distress", etc. with restrictions and caps, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges prohibition of product liability in cases of negligent or willful product misuse, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, that the U.S. Constitution is not a cash cow to be milked for profit. Taxpayers should not be compelled to pay attorney-fee awards to activist groups through the wrongful use of the 1976 Civil Rights Attorney's Fee Act in cases attacking our religious heritage, memorials and patriotic organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, strongly opposes Governor Doyle's efforts in his budget to make Wisconsin a more litigious state.

2009-24 Read the Bills Act

WHEREAS both state and federal legislatures often pass bills which none of the members have had an opportunity read in their entirety (or their staffs), and unpopular and non-germane measures are often combined with popular measures to force their passage; and votes are held with little debate or public notice:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, demands the adoption of a Read the Bills Act, which would require that every bill be read in its entirety before a quorum in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, and published on the Internet for at least 7 days before a vote, and that our Wisconsin lawmakers to introduce and/or sponsor such legislation on both the state and federal levels.

2009-25 Fair Immigration Policies

WHEREAS, current laws, and their enforcement at the federal level, have not succeeded in preventing the movement of undocumented individuals across our borders; and

WHEREAS, this situation has resulted in unsecured borders, opportunities for terrorists, and a large underground economy that is reliant on the labor of undocumented individuals; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the integrity of our requirements for citizenship and entry into the country is vital to our national security; and

WHEREAS, an amnesty program is counterproductive to upholding America's laws and rewards illegal activity at the expense of the many who abide by the law and gain legal entry into the United States and encourages continued illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, illegal immigration not only creates social, economic, and educational problems but also threatens our national security:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, insists that Congress act immediately to secure our borders from illegal immigration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, applauds and supports Congressman Sensenbrenner's efforts to enact real immigration reform, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, opposes an amnesty program for undocumented individuals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges our congressional delegation and State Legislature to prohibit all benefits to undocumented individuals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports legislation requiring state law enforcement officials to process immediate deportation orders on undocumented individuals who commit misdemeanor crimes and on undocumented individuals who have a prior criminal

record of either felonies or misdemeanors, and requiring that undocumented individuals who commit felonies serve their appropriate sentence and then be deported, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, that the government also take a hard stand with companies that knowingly employ illegal immigrants, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports a fair well designed guest worker program that allows responsible, law abiding individuals to reside and work in America while upholding current immigration laws, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, believes the United States government should influence, by example, other countries to use their monetary policy to aid their citizens and create economic opportunity for their citizens,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports policies that all undocumented individual's children upon reaching the age of majority be encouraged to seek citizenship without fear of recrimination, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, opposes providing in-state tuition and federal aid to illegal immigrants.

2009-26 Smaller Government

WHEREAS, the size of our local, state and federal governments has significantly increased and continues to do so; and

WHEREAS, the size of government directly affects our daily lives, liberties, pursuits and endeavors; and
WHEREAS the federal government has usurped numerous powers that the Constitution reserves to the states, and this usurpation of power has been accomplished with the connivance of many politicians and judges who have violated their oaths of office to uphold the Constitution of the United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges a moratorium on the expansion of government, and a return to a conservative agenda and history as the party of less government, less intrusive government, less taxes and more responsible spending, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, calls for the reduction in the overall size of the Federal Government and urges all new and existing administrative and regulatory rules be reviewed and ratified by the U.S. Congress, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges the periodic congressional reauthorization (sunsetting) of the following Federal Departments and Agencies: Education, HUD, Energy, Transportation, HHS, Labor, Agriculture, National Endowment for the Arts, and Public Broadcasting System, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges our Republican members of Congress to enact the Contract With America Renewed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, encourages government at all levels to privatize all functions capable of performance by the private sector, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges the greatest possible devolution of governmental authority to the states, as required by the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

2009-27 Conservative Direction: GOP

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Wisconsin at the local, district, and state level at the Convention, has passed numerous resolutions of a conservative nature; favoring a smaller less intrusive government, a right to bear arms, and a directive to secure our borders, etc.; and

WHEREAS, these resolutions are the direction that the people of the party want their representatives to adhere to; and

WHEREAS, the people of the party recognize that while they cannot compel their representatives to vote in this manner, they can and do expect them to adhere to conservative principles:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urge the Republican Party to withhold support for those candidates that do not consistently subscribe to this overall conservative agenda, be they incumbent or new candidates, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, actively and vigorously seek candidates that will adhere to these conservative principles, and respect the wishes of party members.

2009-28 - Resolution to Honor Ronald Reagan with Reagan Day Picnics

WHEREAS, it has been a longstanding tradition to honor the history of the Republican Party to recognize the birth of President Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president, for his vision and leadership, with a Lincoln Day Dinner during the month of February; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that President Ronald Reagan was also born in February and also brought great vision and leadership to this country while exemplifying the principles of the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, several county and state parties have replaced the Lincoln Day Dinner with a Reagan Day Dinner; and

WHEREAS, both men deserve to be recognized by the Republican Party for their leadership and historical contributions to the United States of America; and
WHEREAS, the inconsistent recognition amongst local and state parties diminishes the contributions of both men; and
WHEREAS, the leadership and values of President Ronald Reagan contributed to the reinvigoration of the Republican Party; and
WHEREAS, a majority of Americans valued the principles that President Ronald Reagan espoused for this great nation; and
WHEREAS, the policies of President Reagan led to the demise of communism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, unprecedented economic growth, and restored confidence in the American dream; and
WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan switched from the Democrat Party to the Republican Party during the summer of 1962; and
WHEREAS, most local parties host a summer picnic or other mid-year event; and
WHEREAS, the Republican Party believes that a majority of Americans espouse the same values and thus, by honoring his conversion, should set an example for all.
THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin (RPW) will encourage the county organizations to honor President Ronald Reagan by celebrating his conversion to the Republican Party with a Reagan Day Picnic to be held during the summer months of June, July, August or September; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPW will promote and encourage the historical preservation of recognizing President Abraham Lincoln through the promotion of Lincoln Day Dinners; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all Republican organizations to restore the Lincoln Day Dinner event and honor President Ronald Reagan with the same sense of history, values and principles that we also recognize in President Abraham Lincoln by establishing a Reagan Day Picnic.