

RESOLUTION 2018

Resolution to Maintain Republican Platform Principles and Defend the Voice of the People in the Idaho Legislature

WHEREAS, Idaho Republicans “believe that our Founding Fathers gave us a government that is a servant of the people not our master”, and having set forth the significance of the people’s voice throughout the Idaho Republican Platform; and

WHEREAS, Republicans “believe the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people”; and

WHEREAS, “the Idaho Republican Party believes that government works best when its citizens become actively involved” and “the Party encourages all citizens to engage in healthy debate on all issues that will increase citizen control of government”; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Republicans call for the U S Congress to allow “more time for members to study legislation”, “more opportunity for citizens to testify at hearings”, “debate on legislation before the members”, and expect the same of our state legislators as representatives of the people; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho legislature is predominately composed of Republicans who willingly ran for public office as Republicans because of the Party’s good reputation and clearly established principles; and

WHEREAS, citizens can reasonably assume by common sense that all elected Republicans should predominately guide their performance of duty by the Republican Platform, which is a valid reflection of the Republican people throughout the state who deserve to be honestly represented by their clearly stated platform of principles; and

WHEREAS, legislation supporting principles of the Republican platform like personal self-defense, the right to bear arms, tax reduction, fiscal responsibility, and parental rights have been intentionally opposed and suppressed by “Republican” legislators who have withheld this legislation from healthy, open debate and the customary legislative process; and

WHEREAS, some Idaho Republican legislators have prevented engagement of citizens, denied certain bills a full hearing in committee, withheld Republican-friendly bills entirely from debate or vote, ignored proposed bills even when signed by thousands of Idaho citizens, forced last minute bills through the legislature by suspending rules leaving no time for citizen testimony all of which have intentionally opposed core principles of the Republican platform which specifically encourages “citizens (to) engage in healthy debate on all issues that will increase citizen control of government”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho State Republican Central Committee, encourages and in fact relies on the Republicans of the Idaho House of Representatives and Senate to support the principles of the Idaho Republican Party Platform established by the Republican people of this state and also to honor and respect the voice, rightful participation, and supremacy of the people who legitimately have established these party principles.

FINALLY LET IT BE RESOLVED that any Idaho legislator registered to be Republican thereby professing to agree with and be associated with the overall Idaho Republican Platform principles who then intentionally and regularly opposes the basic principles of the platform (1) may be given an authorized letter from the Idaho Republican State Central Committee specifically listing the alleged behaviors to be in opposition to the platform which have occurred while carrying out the duties of office. After having been offered the opportunity to justify such behaviors before a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee, (2) the legislator may be subject to reprimand by a majority vote of the state committee, which will be delivered to the legislator via authorized and certified letter listing the specific behaviors determined to be in opposition to the platform. Thereafter, (3) if opposition behaviors continue, the Republican State Central Committee, again through majority vote of its members, will endeavor to defend and maintain the principles of the Republican Party by withdrawing Republican endorsement of said legislator.