

Enforcing Immigration Laws

WHEREAS this resolution was adopted last year by the National Federation of Republican Women as a result of a serious deterioration in immigration laws during the Obama Administration; and

WHEREAS there are between 9 and 50 million undocumented residents in the United States from numerous cultural and socio-economic backgrounds and nationalities; and

WHEREAS our current federal government has failed to update our immigration policies with available technology and employment verification; and

WHEREAS the economic, civil and criminal unrest in other countries has had a significant impact on illegal immigration and the Obama Administration has refused to commit the resources necessary to adequately secure our borders; and

WHEREAS the federal government's failure to secure our borders has led to the loss of life, liberty and property of American citizens to foreign criminal enterprises and is hurting our economy and jeopardizing our national security; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that these millions of illegal immigrants become self-supporting, tax-paying, English-speaking, productive members of our society prior to achieving legal residency status; and

WHEREAS there are current laws that are not being enforced to locate undocumented immigrants who have overstayed their visas, as well as laws that are not being enforced that prevent criminal aliens, gang members and sex offenders from gaining legal status; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County urges the federal government to expedite the resources necessary to secure United States borders; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County supports efforts to enforce current and future immigration laws to prevent illegal immigrants from obtaining subsidized health services, education, employment, and other government benefits that are reserved for legal American citizens.

Protecting Privacy against Overreach by the National Security Administration

WHEREAS leaked government documents have shown that the National Security Administration (NSA) stores the phone records of all American citizens; and

WHEREAS the NSA intercepts and records the content of millions of Americans' emails, texts and other electronic communications each day; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government admits that they interpret the PATRIOT Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) to give them the authority to collect this information on any American citizen without issuing a warrant; and

WHEREAS the 4th Amendment to the United States Constitution states that "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized"; and

WHEREAS common law has long deemed a person's private correspondences to be protected from warrantless search and seizure; and

WHEREAS the Obama administration has already shown a willingness to use government power to illegally target political opposition; and

WHEREAS the Republican National Committee, in a nearly unanimous vote, recently passed a resolution calling for investigation into domestic spying and declared the NSA phone records collection unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS Wisconsin representative Jim Sensenbrenner vehemently opposes the bulk warrantless collection of Americans' phone records and has co-sponsored legislation to end this practice; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County (RPDC) finds the NSA's warrantless collection and monitoring of Americans' phone, email, text and other electronic communications in violation of the 4th Amendment and therefore unconstitutional; and be it further

RESOLVED that the RPDC calls on all Wisconsin congressional representatives and senators to demand that the NSA cease the warrantless collection and monitoring of American's private correspondence and adhere to the Constitution.

In Support of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments: Repeal DNA on Arrest

WHEREAS DNA is the building block of human life and encodes a tremendous amount of highly personal information unique to the individual; and

WHEREAS the intimate and proprietary nature of DNA makes it entirely distinct from fingerprints and other forms of data that may be gathered as evidence in a criminal investigation; and

WHEREAS the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees that no person shall be deprived of property without due process of law; and

WHEREAS the Fourth Amendment guarantees that "(t)he right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue but upon probable cause"; and

WHEREAS the seizure of a citizen's DNA upon his arrest, but prior to a lawful trial, is a violation of these crucial constitutional protections; and

WHEREAS DNA on Arrest opens the way for profound abuses, including but not limited to the planting of DNA evidence, the warehousing of the DNA of innocent people, and the use of DNA information for purposes other than criminal investigation; and

WHEREAS such abuses have the potential to undermine thoroughly the impartiality demanded by our American system of justice, under which a person is deemed innocent until proven guilty; and

WHEREAS because DNA swabbing *upon conviction* (or upon specific judicial warrant) is already a long-accepted practice in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS those who are *acquitted* of the crime for which they are arrested necessarily become victims of automatic collection of DNA on arrest; and

WHEREAS Justice Antonin Scalia has pointed out in *Maryland v. King* (2013) that DNA on Arrest "manages to burden uniquely the sole group for whom the Fourth Amendment's protections ought to be most jealously guarded: people who are innocent of the State's accusations" (*Maryland v. King*, 2013); and

WHEREAS a 2010 study by the RAND Corporation Center on Quality Policing suggests that DNA on Arrest "has only a minimal deterrent effect" and might be less cost-effective than allocating more effort to gathering forensic samples from crime scenes (http://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/technical_reports/2010/RAND_TR918.pdf); and

WHEREAS the Wisconsin government has mandated DNA on Arrest through a budgetary provision as opposed to a statutory process and without a single public hearing on this matter; and

WHEREAS other county GOP organizations in Wisconsin have publicly expressed their opposition to automatic collection of DNA on arrest; and

WHEREAS some of the greatest abuses of individual freedoms to which citizens of the United States have been subjected were born of a perceived need for greater security; and

WHEREAS, to paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, anyone willing to give up liberty for security deserves neither and will lose both; now be it therefore

RESOLVED that though we acknowledge that Wisconsin's legislature, governor, and attorney general believed that they were pursuing the public good in its passage, the Republican Party of Dane County (RPDC) rejects DNA on Arrest, however well intentioned; and be it further

RESOLVED that the RPDC actively supports the repeal of DNA on Arrest in Wisconsin; and be it further

RESOLVED that the RPDC will encourage its members to contact the governor, the attorney general, and their state legislators to demand that DNA on Arrest be repealed and constitutional due process restored.

Against Common Core

WHEREAS the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a set of academic standards written, promoted and supported by two private membership organizations, the National Governor's Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), as a method for conforming American students to uniform, "one size fits all", achievement goals to make them more like workers in other countries; and

WHEREAS all states were enticed into adopting the CCSS in order to receive Race To The Top grants and Federal stimulus funds or to avoid No Child Left Behind sanctions; and

WHEREAS the NGA and CCSSO, in concert with the same corporations developing the CCSS 'assessments', have created new textbooks, digital media and other teaching materials aligned to the standards that must be purchased and adopted by local school districts if their students are to sufficiently comply with Common Core standards; and

WHEREAS the CCSS effectively removes educational choice and competition since all schools and all districts must use Common Core 'assessments' which makes curriculum across all schools essentially indistinguishable; therefore be it now

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County rejects a one size fits all approach to education and instead supports providing broad education choices to parents and children at the state and local level; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County recognizes the Common Core State Standards for what they are – an overreaching attempt to standardize and control the education of our children so they will conform to a preconceived "norm"; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County supports the following actions:

- A. The repeal of federal regulations and defunding of federal programs that interfere with local control of public schools, and
- B. The repeal of participation in Common Core by the State of Wisconsin, and
- C. Wisconsin leaving the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) and not participating in the creation or administration of any further Common Core aligned assessments; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County encourages Governor Scott Walker and the State Legislature to oppose Common Core implementation in Wisconsin.

Commendation for Gov. Walker and Lt. Gov. Kleefisch

WHEREAS prior to the Election of Governor Walker and Lt. Governor Kleefisch Wisconsin government was heavily in debt. Businesses by the hundreds and jobs by the thousands were closed and lost; and

WHEREAS Gov. Doyle's administration used \$200,000 of privately raised monies from the Physicians and Nurses fund, transferred over a billion dollars from the Wisconsin Highway Trust Fund and neglected to pay \$60 million in an income tax reciprocity to the State of Minnesota and increased Wisconsin taxes by \$2 billion in 2009 and still left a structural debt of \$3.6 billion dollars for the newly elected administration; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County:

Commends Governor Walker and Lt. Governor Kleefisch and the Republican legislature for standing firm in the face of death threats, runaway state senate democrats, boorish behavior of the opposition, numerous death threats and over 61 hours of public hearings to pass ACT 10.

Commends Governor Walker and Lt. Governor Kleefisch and the Republican legislature for addressing and resolving the \$3.6 billion Wisconsin budget deficit and turning it into a nearly billion dollar surplus.

Commends Governor Walker and Lt. Governor Kleefisch and the Republican legislature for resolving the financial problems they inherited, winning national attention for doing so and showing other debt laden states the Wisconsin way to resolve their financial problems.

PPACA (Obamacare) Implementation/Enablement

WHEREAS [Resolution 2013-9 – Healthcare Reform](#) was passed by the assembled delegation at the 2013 State Convention of the Republican Party of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS Resolution 2013-9 states, in part, that

"[t]he Republican Party of Wisconsin demand[s] that all efforts to implement ObamaCare by way of establishing a state Health Insurance Exchange or expansion of Medicaid be refused" and demands that

"the Wisconsin Legislature and the Governor pass a bill forbidding state, federal, and other government agents from enforcing ObamaCare; imposing criminal and civil sanctions on any government attempting to enforce ObamaCare with the State of Wisconsin; and requiring the Attorney General to represent aggrieved citizens in cases where government agents attempt to enforce ObamaCare within the State of Wisconsin;" and

WHEREAS in arguing against measures to defund Obamacare, House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), along with [GOP strategist Karl Rove](#) and others predicted that President Obama's landmark healthcare reform law would soon "collapse under its own weight," thereby giving the GOP an opportunity to repeal Obamacare and propose a free-market alternative; and

WHEREAS the calamitous rollout of Obamacare illustrates that it is in fact a hopelessly complicated system that contains serious technical, structural, procedural, and economic flaws that could indeed cause it to collapse under its own weight if left alone; and

WHEREAS in the words of former President Ronald Reagan, "[g]overnment is not the solution to the problem; government is the problem"; and

WHEREAS big government programs such as Obamacare particularly overburden and stifle small businesses, which contributes to economic difficulties such as lack of entrepreneurial growth and job loss; and

WHEREAS we need reforms that will reduce the real costs of health care as opposed to forcing or facilitating participation in a government-mandated system; and

WHEREAS Obamacare's popularity among those of all ideological persuasions continues to plummet; and

WHEREAS "workarounds" to Obamacare, such as allowing residents of a particular state to use Obamacare subsidies to purchase insurance independently from insurers, whether through a federal or state "exchange" or directly through the insurers, would serve to prop up and prolong a program that should be allowed to fail by:

- 1) continuing to insert government in transactions that should remain solely between citizens and the insurers or health care providers with whom they choose to do business; and
- 2) shielding the general public from the true repercussions of Obamacare and its disastrous rollout; now be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County, in caucus assembled, reiterates its full support for all aspects of Wisconsin GOP State [Resolution 2013-9 – Healthcare Reform](#); and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County rejects any health care reform or workaround that gives government the authority to force Americans to buy health insurance or facilitates such force, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County insists that Wisconsin's Republican federal representatives in the U.S. House and Senate work to defund and repeal Obamacare using every possible means; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County calls on the RNC to assist in this effort by every means possible; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County opposes any measure by the State of Wisconsin to develop workarounds to Obamacare, such as allowing the use of Obamacare subsidies to purchase insurance independently from insurers either directly or through a federal or state "exchange," even if such exchange exists outside the Obamacare infrastructure; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County will work to educate its members about the dangers of any such proposed workarounds.

In Support of the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2013

WHEREAS the United States Constitution gives congress the authority to coin money and regulate the value thereof, and does not give congress the authority to delegate control over monetary policy to a central bank; and

WHEREAS auditing the Federal Reserve will allow congress to assert its constitutional authority over monetary policy and help to protect the value of the United States dollar; and

WHEREAS since the Federal Reserve was created in 1913, our dollar has lost 97% of its value; and

WHEREAS the Federal Reserve system forces fuel, food, housing, medical care and education costs upwards, so that everyone who is not on the government dole is forced to make do with less as the value of money continually decreases; and

WHEREAS the United States Congress is effectively prohibited from overseeing agreements that the Federal Reserve enters into with foreign governments and foreign central banks; and

WHEREAS allowing the Federal Reserve to operate our nation's monetary system, largely in secret, leads to abuse, inflation, and a lower quality of life for every American; and

WHEREAS in February 2014 alone, the Federal Reserve will create approximately \$65 billion out of thin air and pump it into our economy; and

WHEREAS new Federal Reserve chairwoman Janet Yellen has made clear her intention to continue the destructive policies of her predecessor Ben Bernanke; and

WHEREAS both the National Republican Committee's 2012 platform and the Wisconsin Republican Party's 2013 platform call for an audit of the Federal Reserve's activities; and

WHEREAS of the five Wisconsin Republican House members, only James Sensenbrenner and Sean Duffy have so far signed on as cosponsors of the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2013 (HR 24); now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Chair of the Republican Party of Dane County will, by March 15, 2014, send letters to Congressmen Thomas Petri, Reid Ribble, and Paul Ryan informing them of the above resolution and urging them to sign on as cosponsors of the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2013.

AFFIRMATION of CONSERVATIVE VALUES

WHEREAS we the people of the Republican Party of Dane County hold our conservative values to be self-evident and guaranteed and the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS we the people of the Republican Party of Dane County seek to recruit and support candidates that seek to support and uphold our conservative values; now therefore be it

RESOLVED the Republican Party of Dane County accepts and adopts the following as its core principles and values and, as such, requests and relies upon its elected officials to support and uphold the same:

- A. National Security – Our government is to protect its people from all enemies, foreign and domestic, and to protect our national interests around the globe; and
- B. Individual Rights – Our government is not to infringe upon our rights as US citizens as guaranteed by the United States Constitution; and
- C. Human Life: Human life is sacred and we should fight to defend and protect all human life; and
- D. State’s Rights: Pursuant to the 10th Amendment of the United States Constitution, the citizens of Wisconsin must be protected from overreaching by the federal government; and
- E. Taxes: Economic liberty and growth can only be obtained through lower taxes and a more simplified tax code that is fair to all citizens; and
- F. Equal Application: There should be no laws, policies, regulations, or fiats imposed upon the citizens of Wisconsin that do not also apply equally to all elected officials; and
- G. Balanced Federal Budget: The federal government should, like most states, including Wisconsin, be required to balance the federal budget; and
- H. Regulation: Any local, state, or federal law, regulation or policy that is overreaching, antiquated, redundant or punitive should be repealed; and be it further

RESOLVED that we expect all of our elected officials to clearly understand and accept that this and all subsequently approved resolutions in caucus or convention represent the will, feelings, beliefs and the voice of the people of the Republican Party of Dane County.

In Support of Holding Republican Elected Officials Accountable

WHEREAS the Republican Party of Dane County and the Republican Party of Wisconsin has, through caucus members and county delegates to the annual state convention, adopted a platform and passed numerous wise resolutions; and

WHEREAS the state party platform and resolutions generally reflect principles in accord with free-market economics and the United States Constitution that, if followed, would result in constitutionally limited government, fiscal sanity, and greater opportunity and prosperity for Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS candidates who run under the party banner should understand that the platform and resolutions in large measure define the identity and intended direction of the party as expressed by a majority of its members statewide; and

WHEREAS candidates who run under the party banner should also understand that the platform and resolutions communicate the will of state party membership in relationship to public policy matters; and

WHEREAS candidates who run under the banner of the party should be held accountable to upholding both the identity of the party and the expressed will of its membership; now be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County urges its members and members of all other county parties to refuse to support Republican incumbents whose votes have shown disregard for the state party platform; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County, urges its rank-and-file members and other likeminded citizens to seek out and recruit viable candidates – who will support constitutionally limited government, fiscal sanity, and free market economics – to run as primary opponents of Republican incumbents who fail to uphold the wise principles expressed by membership in the platform and resolutions; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Dane County, urges the Republican Party of Wisconsin also to work diligently to hold Republican candidates accountable to the party rank-and-file that supported their election.