

WHY RESOLUTIONS?

- 1. They encourage creative thinking on how to fix our problems.
- 2. They help refine vague notions and ideas into a more logical framework.
- 3. They lead us toward advancing more conservative ideas, rolling back the liberal tide.
- 4. They define what we stand for as a party.
- 5. They reveal any differences between the conservative grassroots of the Republican Party, and our elected Republican representatives.

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Resolution 2015-01 – Smart on Crime Legislation

- a. WHEREAS the Republican Party was founded on equal rights and opportunities for all, and
- b. WHEREAS we as conservatives must balance our support of a tough on crime stance with responsible tough on criminal justice spending, both fiscally and in personal costs, and
- c. WHEREAS the Wisconsin Statutes allow misdemeanors and low level felonies to be expunged, that process is seldom used, and
- d. WHEREAS those with misdemeanors and felonies on their records may be denied occupational licenses, college and home loans, the opportunity to attend college, lose job opportunities, disallow seniors the chance to live in assisted living plus other wrong on crime consequences.
- e. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, in caucus assembled, supports the national Right On Crime movement which makes the Conservative case for reform, and
- f. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPMC supports a change in Wisconsin Statute 973.015, the law concerning expungement, allowing persons of any age to be eligible to apply for expungement, not just those who are under 25, eliminating the "at time of sentencing" clause which would allow these positive changes to be retroactive, and changing the process from judicial to administrative thereby fully offering Wisconsin residents a clean slate to enter college, pursue a better job, get home loans and improve one's life.

Resolution 2015-02 – Right to Work

- a. WHEREAS, the right of freedom of assembly and association includes implicitly the right not to assemble or associate; and
- b. WHEREAS, every American citizen also possesses the inalienable right of freedom of speech, guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; and
- c. WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has ruled that money is a form of such protected speech, including union dues; and
- d. WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin finds itself in competition with the other states of the union for the relocation of existing corporations and establishment of entrepreneurial start-ups, providing opportunity and prosperity to the states' citizens; and
- e. WHEREAS, many of those states do not legally require membership in labor unions in order to hold employment in such companies;
- f. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, in caucus assembled, urges the members of the State Legislature to pass, and Governor Walker to sign, a law guaranteeing the right to work to any Wisconsinite seeking employment without compelling membership in a union, guild, or other such association against his or her will or compulsory collection of membership dues to which he or she does not consent, both to safeguard Constitutionally protected rights and render Wisconsin more economically competitive.

Resolution 2015-03 - American Law for American Courts

- a. WHEREAS the U.S. Constitution, federal statutes and ratified treaties; U.S. Supreme Court decisions; the Wisconsin Constitution; Wisconsin statutes; and Wisconsin Court decisions make up the laws of our country and our state; and
- b. WHEREAS in Wisconsin, laws are introduced in the legislative branch by elected representatives of the people, and being passed, are signed into law by the Governor. When courts arbitrarily look to foreign laws in making decisions, this fundamental constitutional process is bypassed; and
- c. WHEREAS current Judicial activism, including undue reliance on foreign law, practices or unratified treaties, undermines United States law; and
- d. WHEREAS the deviations from traditional United States/Wisconsin law deprive citizens of the full protection of their rights and privileges,
- e. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of Milwaukee County that the law of the United States and the law of the State of Wisconsin, unaltered by any influence of foreign laws or practices, be operationally exclusive for Wisconsin courts, and
- f. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, calls for the legislature of the state of Wisconsin to adopt legislation which would require that Wisconsin courts apply only American Law.

Resolution 2015-04 - Expansion of Education Choices for Parents

- a. WHEREAS the State of Wisconsin prides itself on the tradition of its educational opportunities; and
- b. WHEREAS each and every parent, custodian and student should be treated with respect and equality; and
- c. WHEREAS the success of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP) and the enthusiasm for its expansion into Racine is evident.
- d. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County calls for the expansion of the Charter and School Voucher Programs to include all citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Resolution 2015-05 - Flat Tax and Corporate Income Taxes

- a. WHEREAS the current federal tax system is inequitable in that all of the deductions and exemptions that it contains gives certain taxpayers the ability to pay a much lower percentage of their income than others who earn less; and
- b. WHEREAS the current federal tax code is unnecessarily complex and voluminous and significant amounts of employer resources are dedicated to complying with the tax code and searching for loopholes rather than creating new jobs; and
- c. WHEREAS the current federal tax code is confiscatory and job killing because marginal tax rates are too high; and
- d. WHEREAS the federal corporate income tax in the United States is higher than those of most other developed countries which hurts the ability off U.S. companies to compete in the global market.
- e. WHEREAS the 14th Amendment of the US Constitution states “nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”
- f. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County supports legislation to reduce corporate income taxes to 15%; and
- g. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RPMC urges the repeal the current federal tax code and replace it with an optional flat tax under which income-earners pay a flat tax of 20% with no deductions; and
- h. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RPMC supports cuts in spending in order to make up for the lost revenue as a result of said tax code changes.

Resolution 2015-06 - Support of Constitutional Carry in Wisconsin

- a. WHEREAS The RPMC urges making Constitutional Carry a priority in 2015 and part of the party platform and,
- b. WHEREAS research has proven that restricting and hindering the right to bear arms only encourages criminals and their actions in violent crimes against law-abiding citizens,
- c. WHEREAS Demanding law abiding citizens to request permission from their government body through a permit system to exercise their constitutional right to bear arms is an unmistakable violation of that right, and,
- d. WHEREAS this inalienable right unmistakably gives the right to carry a handgun for self-defense, and;
- e. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County urge our elected officials, to publicly support, and/or co-sponsor and vote for a Wisconsin Constitutional Carry bill.

Resolution 2015-07 – Milwaukee Streetcar

- a. WHEREAS capital costs/construction for the initial (Blue/Lakefront) streetcar line is \$123.9 million, and that assumes no overruns, which would accommodate four streetcar vehicles;
- b. WHEREAS by contrast, per Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) officials, the total cost of four new full-size (40') buses is \$1.6 million, or \$400,000 apiece, and this means the streetcar's four vehicles end up costing about 77.5 times that of four comparable-capacity buses which is equivalent to paying almost \$7,750,000 for a \$100,000 house;
- c. WHEREAS it is difficult to locate any truly reliable operating cost data, which is of great concern, but history shows it usually ends up being much higher than projected and the operating costs for buses would be much lower;
- d. WHEREAS ridership of streetcars is frequently much lower than projected;
- e. WHEREAS the argument that we have to use the Federal money for a rail project and we should not let it get away is a red herring as Congress could easily change this requirement.
- f. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County opposes the Milwaukee streetcar, and
- g. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County calls on the Republican members of the Wisconsin delegation to Congress to attach a measure to a spending bill with all due haste which re-allocates the Federal grant to the Milwaukee County Transit System, and
- h. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RPMC urges the City of Milwaukee Common Council allow a referendum on the streetcar at the April 2015 election, and
- i. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all public works expenditures over \$X,000,000 (determined by the WI Legislature) be subject to an automatic referendum at the next election.

Resolution 2015-08 - Splitting the Government Accountability Board

- a. WHEREAS the Government Accountability Board (GAB) has proven itself to be a hyper-partisan body with little interest in ensuring free and fair elections; and
- b. WHEREAS the current structure and establishment of the board feeds into the current hyper-partisanship.
- c. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, that the GAB must be immediately dissolved and,
 - 1. Wisconsin needs to return to a State Elections Board comprised of equal numbers of members appointed every four years by the Democrat Party and the Republican Party, and an additional member appointed by the current governor, and confirmed by the State Senate, and
 - 2. Wisconsin needs to return to a State Ethics Board comprised of equal numbers of members appointed every four years by the Democrat Party and the Republican Party, and an additional member appointed by the current governor, and confirmed by the State Senate.

Resolution 2015-09 – Immigration Reform

- a. WHEREAS our nation’s illegal immigration population is now estimated to be as high as 20 million, with at least 500,000 new illegal immigrants pouring across our borders every year; and
- b. WHEREAS the Republican Party has lost a large share of the immigrant vote that it had won in the past due to immigrant perceptions of insensitivity and hostility toward immigrants as a result of Republicans in Congress killing immigration reform bills;
- c. WHEREAS President Obama has exceeded his authority in issuing an "executive memo" allowing illegal immigrants that have children which are citizens or permanent legal residents of the United States to receive work authorization cards;
- d. WHEREAS President Obama's "executive memo" leaves out many people who deserve to have an opportunity to become Americans and does nothing to help businesses obtain more highly skilled immigrants for employment;
- e. WHEREAS President Obama continues to put more illegal immigrants into the system for obtaining work authorization cards without increasing the capacity of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to process their applications, thus causing significant delays for those already in the system to receive their work authorization cards.
- f. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of Milwaukee County that President Obama's "executive memo" was illegal and unconstitutional and should be overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, and in the meantime Congress should take all steps necessary to deny funding for the actions authorized by the "executive memo", and
- g. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County supports immigration reform that will first require the federal government to protect and secure the border and our sovereignty, but would also provide a path for citizenship for illegal immigrants currently in this country under which they would be required to have paid all local, state, and federal taxes (including payroll taxes) that they owe for the work they did while they were illegal immigrants and encourage them to learn English, and would also provide for a temporary guest worker program that requires temporary workers to advance toward learning English during the time that they are working in the United States, and
- h. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPMC urges the USCIS to reduce the cost of a citizenship application to a reasonable cost.

Resolution 2015-10 - Elimination of Same Day Voter Registration

- a. WHEREAS Wisconsin has been the site of rampant election fraud, with organizations like ACORN registering false names at false addresses in order to give Democrat activists from out of state the ability to vote fraudulently in our elections multiple times, and
- b. WHEREAS election day registration also results in fraud as individuals can register under false names and without any proof of identification on election day and the overwhelming number of people registering on election day, poll workers who are not competent or are poorly trained, and training classes in the City of Milwaukee which teach the poll workers procedures which are contrary to the law combine to allow people to register fraudulently without adequate proof of their residency in Wisconsin and in the wards in which they are registering and allow them to register in multiple locations under false names and with false addresses,
- c. WHEREAS it has become more and more evident that rampant voter fraud is occurring in the City of Milwaukee with the discovery that more than 10,000 people who voted on election day in 2004 do not actually live where they claimed to live on election day, while there were more than 7,000 such voters in the 2000 election, and with further voter fraud occurring during the 2008 and 2010 election; and
- d. WHEREAS it was discovered that during the recent recall elections Democrat/union operatives moved to Wisconsin, rented rooms in hotels, and registered to vote on election day using the address of

the hotels while maintaining their voting registration in their home states in order to vote fraudulently in the recall elections;

e. WHEREAS the voter ID law which was adopted by the legislature does not go far enough in that Democrat/union operatives with ID's can still register on election day with false addresses or hotel addresses and their votes will count even if their fraud is later discovered; thus allowing potentially thousands of fraudulent votes in the upcoming recall election of Governor Walker; and

f. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County supports legislation which would require pre-registration, the elimination of election day voter registration.

Resolution 2015-11 – Obamacare

a. WHEREAS Obamacare is a complete failure (enough said);

b. WHEREAS Republicans must stand up for what is right and not compromise all of the time;

c. WHEREAS the Republicans are always perceived to be blamed for government shutdowns as a result of the media and the last government shutdown made the Republicans extremely unpopular.

d. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County calls upon the new Republican Congress to pass a bill completely repealing Obamacare; and

e. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the veto was sustained, that the Republican Congress begin to pass limited bills repealing portions of Obamacare that will receive support from Democrats in Congress, as well as spending resolutions that do not fund Obamacare; and

e. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County does not support causing a shutdown of the Federal government in order to defund Obamacare.

Resolution 2015-12 – Defense of Our Schools

a. WHEREAS the majority of school shootings have occurred in schools where it is illegal to possess a firearm;

b. WHEREAS gun control laws will add just another law that will be violated by anyone intent on shooting students and will not prevent any shootings as criminals will always be able to obtain the firearms they want or use others that are still legal and bring them to a location where they are not legal;

c. WHEREAS allowing teachers and administrators who have concealed weapons permits to carry their weapons in schools would be an effective deterrent against school shootings and in any case would give teachers and administrators an opportunity to stop shootings before there would be many victims.

d. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County opposes any proposals to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines; and

e. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the RPMC urges the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor Walker, and the Legislatures and Governors of all states, to adopt legislation allowing teachers and administrators who are concealed weapons permit holders to possess firearms within schools.

Resolution 2015-13 – Litigation Reform

a. WHEREAS the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down Wisconsin's limits on non-economic damages (damages for pain and suffering or punitive damages as opposed to actual medical costs which are not limited) claiming that they were unconstitutional;

b. WHEREAS courts in Wisconsin have ruled that a business can be sued for damages caused by a particular product it may have produced at one time even though there is no evidence that the product from that particular company had anything to do with the harm to the plaintiff (e.g. a company that produced lead based paint can be sued by someone claiming to be harmed by lead based paint even though the lead based paint produced by that company was never used in any of the residences where the plaintiff lived and it was some other company's lead based paint which was used);

c. WHEREAS current law does not allow a defendant in tort cases to collect his or her attorney's legal fees from the plaintiff in the event that the defendant prevails;

- d. WHEREAS this encourages plaintiffs to bring cases without merit against defendants with the goal of obtaining a quick settlement since defendants know that they will spend more in legal fees defending and winning the case than they would for the settlement;
- e. WHEREAS this inequity creates a significant drag on the economy as businesses have to allocate resources to the settling of lawsuits for which they are not responsible; and
- f. WHEREAS these issues will combine to make Wisconsin viewed as a bad state for business and cause companies to leave Wisconsin or choose not to relocate in Wisconsin, and will cause medical malpractice insurance costs for doctors in Wisconsin to increase significantly causing significant increases in the cost of health care in Wisconsin which is already too high.
- g. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County supports legislation with meaningful and effective limits on non-economic damages to replace the current limits; and
- h. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County calls upon the State Legislature to adopt a bill to prohibit the suing of a company when there is no evidence that the company's product caused the damages claimed by a plaintiff; and
- i. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County calls upon the State Legislature to adopt a bill to require plaintiffs in civil litigation (except cases in small claims courts) who lose their cases to pay the attorney's fees of the defendants who won the cases.

Resolution 2015-14 - Election of Governing Boards

- a. WHEREAS Wisconsin has numerous unelected, essentially unaccountable boards governing our technical colleges, sewerage districts, transportation districts, etc.; and
- b. WHEREAS most appointed, though unelected, governing boards have the authority to tax, which is contrary to our nation's founding principle of "no taxation without representation", and are an insult to our form of government.
- c. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, that members of all current unelected, appointed governing boards with taxation authority are to be elected, by their district, to staggered four-year terms, with elections every two years, coinciding with Congressional elections.

Resolution 2015-15 – Affirmation of Life

- a. WHEREAS the Republican Party was founded by free men who fought to reassert the cherished American belief that all human beings have certain God-given unalienable rights,
- b. WHEREAS the Republican Party has stood steadfast against government policies that devalue human life, including abortion-on-demand and coercive "family planning" policies,
- c. WHEREAS in his first few days in office, President Obama has 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,
- d. WHEREAS in Wisconsin, the state university's teaching hospital is implementing plans for an expanded abortion facility in disregard to its mission and its state funding,
- e. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County affirms 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;
- f. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County opposes efforts to bring back taxpayer funding of abortion, opposes U.S. taxpayers' money funding foreign programs which promote abortion and coerced sterilizations and abortions, opposes the creation of an abortion clinic at the University of Wisconsin-Madison hospital, supports the appointment of Supreme Court Justices who will support reversing the Roe v. Wade abortion decision, opposes efforts to repeal or weaken existing protections for the unborn including parental consent laws and the partial birth abortion ban, and opposes efforts to repeal Wisconsin's statute prohibiting abortion.

Resolution 2015-16 – Repeal of Common Core

- a. WHEREAS, the Federal government has imprudently attempted a take-over of educational policy in Wisconsin, overriding the local control mandated by the Wisconsin Constitution and attempting to enlist the aid of the Department of Public Instruction in the venture by inappropriate “carrot-and-stick” tactics involving federal funds through imposition of a set of new, federally-mandated standards known as the “Common Core” curriculum; and
- b. WHEREAS, the attempted imposition has shown the standards created to be at best confusing and chaotic, impeding rather than facilitating education and replacing education with indoctrination;
- c. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, in caucus assembled, urges the complete repeal and repudiation of said standards and of all testing regimes and data collection connected with their implementation, and their replacement by state standards and restoration of local control over their implementation and curriculum content.

Resolution 2015-17 - Free Speech Protection Act – Rachel’s Law

- a. WHEREAS Rachel’s Law protects Americans from the practice of “Libel Tourism,” in which plaintiffs choose to file lawsuits in jurisdictions which do not provide the same protections of free speech as the U.S. Constitution.; and
- b. WHEREAS Libel Tourism is especially active against anything published that deals with international terrorism; and
- c. WHEREAS U. S. publishers, online retailers and distinguished news organizations are so scared of Libel Tourism, many have begun to refrain from publishing items dealing with international terrorism and must increasingly vet their stories according to foreign libel laws due to the potential for global distribution made possible on the internet; and
- d. WHEREAS this stifling of free speech, due to the fear of foreign lawsuits, is a pernicious form of foreign censorship.
- d. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, in caucus assembled, calls for the legislature of the state of Wisconsin to adopt and enforce a Rachel’s Law form of free speech protection that protects American persons who exercise First Amendment freedoms but who then travel abroad or against whom a proceeding has been brought in a foreign court and then become subject to physical application of foreign libel laws and judgments.

Resolution 2015-18 - Reaffirmation of the Principles of the Declaration of Independence

- a. WHEREAS we believe in the values of Liberty, Equality and Security, and
- b. WHEREAS in 1776, Thomas Jefferson wrote, and our forefathers supported,
- When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*
- We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--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 effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.*

- c. AND WHEREAS we wish for these values to be shared by all people, and
- d. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, that we as Republicans in caucus assembled affirm our continued support of the principles contained in this document, and
- e. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County supports any reasonable effort of people anywhere to secure these principles for themselves.

Resolution 2015-19 - Reaffirmation of the Principles of the United States Constitution

- a. WHEREAS we believe in the value of Liberty
- b. WHEREAS we continue our quest to achieve this value; and
- c. WHEREAS in 1787 our current form of government was founded with these words:
We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and to our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.
- d. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County do continue to support the principles set forth in this document.

Resolution 2015-20 – Taxpayer Bill Of Rights (TABOR)

- a. WHEREAS government tends to grow and expand beyond its original founding; and
- b. WHEREAS it is the responsibility of citizens to limit the growth of government, lest it become too burdensome; and
- c. WHEREAS state and local budgets have been mushrooming past the present and future taxpayer's ability to pay; and
- d. WHEREAS a future governor and a future legislature might not be so prudent with the state's finances; and
- e. WHEREAS it is our duty to leave our land and our government to our posterity in a better condition than which we found it.
- f. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, that the state legislature pass a Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) for the state level, and for lower levels of government, (regional, county, school district and local), that would limit the future growth of total government spending at that level of government, over the prior year, to changes in population of that region plus price changes (inflation), and
- g. BE IT RESOLVED that the new TABOR law have one exception: to require a super-majority vote of two-thirds of the governing body of that level of government to increase total government revenue.