

**Resolution 2016-01 – Against Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction (BDS) activity**

- a. WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and the subsequent Logan Act restrict the exercise of foreign policy to the Federal government, and forbid private citizens from engaging in their own foreign policy; and
- b. WHEREAS the Federal government makes clear its policy determinations in terms of those countries with which it maintains friendly relations; and
- c. WHEREAS at least five other states in our union have passed legislation banning Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction activity against such friendly foreign countries, such as Israel.
- d. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, in caucus assembled, does urge the state legislature to pass a law modeled on those of the states already passed, banning all such Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction (BDS) activity on the part of union pension funds, university faculties and the like, directed at any country with which the United States government enjoys friendly relations, designed to apply extra-governmental pressure on said countries.

**Resolution 2016-02 - Change The Location Of Court Trials Relating To State Matters To A Rotating Series Of Counties**

- a. WHEREAS court trials regarding the state of Wisconsin are currently held in the county where the state capital is, namely Dane County; and
- b. WHEREAS Dane County judges are elected by a certain county, and are not representative of voters in other parts of the state, especially in matters regarding the state of Wisconsin.
- c. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, that a system of rotating regional circuit courts be assigned, to adjudicate lawsuits that involve the state of Wisconsin.

**Resolution 2016-03 - 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, 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 as well as an executive order giving work authorization and deferral of deportation to the "Dreamers";
- c. 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;
- d. WHEREAS, President Obama continues to put more illegal immigrants into the system for obtaining work authorization cards without increasing the capacity of USCIS to process their applications, thus causing significant delays for those already in the system to receive their work authorization cards.
- e. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of Milwaukee County that President Obama's "executive memo" and Dreamer executive order were illegal and unconstitutional and should be overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court and a Republican President, and in the meantime Congress should take all steps necessary to deny funding for the actions authorized by the "executive memo" and the Dreamer executive order; and
- f. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County supports strong, cost-effective measures to secure the borders with improved surveillance, additional walls and fencing in critical areas which need it (but not wasteful spending on a wall in all areas which only

will be breached by tunnels by the Mexican cartels), and adequate numbers of border patrol officers to interdict those crossing the border; 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 legal status for foreign nationals that are here illegally 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 be encouraged to take English as a Second Language, and would also provide for a temporary guest worker program that encourages temporary workers to take English as a Second Language during the time that they are working in the United States; and

h. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County condemns rhetoric by any Republican Presidential candidate that seeks to cast any particular ethnic group or religious group as unwanted or undesirable as a whole.

### **Resolution 2016-04 – 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 citizens who have concealed weapons permits to carry their weapons in schools and college campuses would be an effective deterrent against school shootings and in any case would give citizens an opportunity to stop shootings before there would be many victims.

d. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County urges the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor Walker, and the Legislatures and Governors of all states, to adopt legislation allowing citizens who are concealed weapons permit holders to possess firearms within schools and college campuses.

### **Resolution 2016-05 - Elimination of Same Day Voter Registration**

a. WHEREAS municipal clerks are much better prepared to handle the intricacies of election law,

b. 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

c. 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,

d. 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

e. 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;

f. WHEREAS the voter ID law which was adopted by the legislature does not go far enough in that Democrat/union operatives with IDs 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; and

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

#### **Resolution 2016-06 – Repeal the Minimum Markup Law**

a. WHEREAS the state government has no business being in the business of setting prices; and

b. WHEREAS Wisconsin's retailers are still governed by the Unfair Sales Act originally passed in the 1930s; and

c. WHEREAS Wisconsin's residents are forced to pay higher prices by this law which has outlived its usefulness; and

d. WHEREAS crony capitalism enables price fixing which is injurious to consumers.

e. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, that the state of Wisconsin repeal the Unfair Sales Act, otherwise known as the minimum markup law.

#### **Resolution 2016-07 - 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, and believes that human life, including human beings which have been aborted, should not be treated as a commodity, and further believes that aborted baby parts should not be sold and that it is unethical for organizations to be monetarily incentivized to encourage their patients to have abortions;

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; calling for an immediate ban on third-trimester abortions; opposes the sale and use of aborted baby parts; and opposes efforts to repeal Wisconsin's statute prohibiting abortion.

**Resolution 2016-08 - 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 2016-09 – Defense of Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights**

- a. WHEREAS the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution codifies our right to keep and bear arms.
- b. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County opposes any proposals to ban assault rifles and large capacity magazines.

**Resolution 2016-10 - 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 2016-11 – Repeal the Ethanol Mandate**

- a. WHEREAS that the federal government has no business being in the business of subsidizing crops; and
- b. WHEREAS ethanol is an inefficient fuel, and we are converting our food supply into engine fuel.
- c. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, that the federal government repeal the ethanol mandate.

**Resolution 2016-12 – Taxpayer Bill Of Rights (TABOR)**

- a. WHEREAS government likes 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 FURTHER 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.

### **Resolution 2016-13 - 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, to include existing provisions for arbitration, unaltered by any influence of foreign laws or practices, be operationally exclusive for Wisconsin courts.

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 2016-14 – Restricting the Exercise of Eminent Domain**

a. WHEREAS the U.S. Supreme Court, in the case *Kelo vs. City of New London*, expanded the ability of government to take private property for economic development purposes; and

b. WHEREAS the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits the taking of private property, except for public use upon payment of just compensation:

c. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County urges passage of legislation preventing any government entity from using eminent domain to take private property purely for purposes of economic development, and

d. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support the prohibition of regulatory takings without just compensation.

### **Resolution 2016-15 - 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.

e. 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 and then become subject to physical application of foreign libel laws and judgments.

**Resolution 2016-16 - Implementation of Resolutions**

- a. WHEREAS, much time, effort, and research is done yearly to develop resolutions; and,
- b. WHEREAS, each year our county and district Republican organizations are required to submit Resolutions to their respective caucuses; and,
- c. WHEREAS, these resolutions are carefully thought out, written and debated;
- d. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County holds these resolutions adopted at a party caucus to represent the will, sense, and principles of the Republican Party, and
- e. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, therefore, the Chairman of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County be, and hereby is, directed to send to each Republican member of the Legislature and Governor Walker a copy of the resolutions adopted at this caucus, requesting them to reply within 30 days of receipt thereof, indicating their positions on each of those resolution proposals and whether they will consider sponsoring or cosponsoring them as legislation; and
- f. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, a letter should be sent by the Chairman of the Republican Party of Milwaukee County to Governor Walker and the Republican state legislators each quarter requesting a status report on implementation of these resolutions, including any pending bills and their status in the Assembly and/or Senate; and
- g. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these resolutions are to be considered by the Republican Party of Wisconsin's Platform Committee for the inclusion into the RPW Platform.

**Resolution 2016-17 – 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: Fighting Crime, Prioritizing Victims, and Protecting Taxpayers, and
- f. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County supports a change in Wisconsin Statute 973.015, the law concerning expungement, allowing persons of any age to be eligible 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, thereby fully offering Wisconsin residents a clean slate to enter college, pursue a better job, get home loans and improve one's life.

**Resolution 2016-18 - Milwaukee Streetcar**

- a. WHEREAS ridership of streetcars is frequently much lower than projected and the proposed streetcar will require a significant operating subsidy from taxpayers to keep it afloat;

- b. 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; and
- c. WHEREAS, even if money has been spent on capital improvements for the streetcar, it is better to save the taxpayers from an unknown number of years of bailing out a failing streetcar system's operating costs than to throw more money down the drainhole just as was done with the proposed Milwaukee-Madison Amtrak train.
- d. NOW THEREFORE BE IT 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 eliminates the Federal grant for the streetcar to stop it in its tracks and urges the State Legislature and the Governor to advance legislation which would prohibit the City of Milwaukee from going forward with the streetcar.

**Resolution 2016-19 - Freedom Of Conscience With Respect To Same Sex Wedding Ceremonies**

- a. WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling stating that denying marriage to same sex couples is unconstitutional has put many businesses that provide services to wedding ceremonies in a difficult position in that participation in the wedding ceremony could be an endorsement of the wedding ceremony;
- b. WHEREAS, no one should be forced to participate in a wedding that is contrary to the person's religious beliefs.
- c. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County supports legislation that would clarify that no Wisconsin anti-discrimination statute should require a business to provide goods or services to a same-sex wedding ceremony or reception.

**Resolution 2016-20 - History And Future Of The Republican Party**

- a. WHEREAS, the Republican Party is the Party that issued the Emancipation Proclamation; and
- b. WHEREAS, we are the Party that brought up and passed the 13th (abolished slavery), 14th (citizenship for all natural born persons) and the 15th (allowed African-American men the right to vote) Amendments; and
- c. WHEREAS, the Republicans are the Party of the 1866 Civil Rights Act, the 1867 Reconstruction Act, the 1870 Enforcement Act, the 1871 KKK Act, the 1875 Civil Rights Act and the 1957 Civil Rights Act; and
- d. WHEREAS, we are the Party that overwhelmingly supported the 1960 Civil Rights Act (90% supported) and the 1964 Civil Rights Act (75% supported); and
- e. WHEREAS, we are the Party that has consistently fought against racism and for equal rights for everyone;
- f. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County vows to continue to fight against racism in all forms until it is eliminated from our society, and
- g. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party will continue to fight for these truths that are 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.

**Resolution 2016-21 - Transgender Access To K-12 School Bathrooms And Locker Rooms**

- a. WHEREAS, some K-12 school districts in Wisconsin are permitting students who state that they are transgender to use bathrooms or locker rooms assigned to persons of a gender other than the actual physical gender of the student;
- b. WHEREAS, children should not be forced to share a bathroom or locker room with someone of the opposite physical gender.

c. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County supports the bill which has been introduced in the legislature to prohibit K-12 public schools from allowing transgender persons from using bathrooms assigned to a gender other than the actual physical gender of the student.