

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.

Resolution 2017-01 - 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 2017-02 - Repealing the Milwaukee County Vehicle Registration Fee

- a. WHEREAS the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors have continued their policy of offering social programs for free, (e.g. “New Freedom” through the Transit Plus Program and/or “Go Pass”) and
- b. WHEREAS these freebies have left a \$4 million debt with MCTS (Milwaukee County Transit System) and
- c. WHEREAS the County Board refuses to cut paper costs by making such programs electronic like the “M-card”, and
- d. WHEREAS the County Board, instead of consolidation, streamlining and cutting programs, they have given the residents of Milwaukee County a new tax, called the “Vehicle Registration Fee” which will affect persons of every economic level.
- e. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, in caucus assembled, urge the repeal of the “Vehicle Registration Fee”, and
- f. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we advocate that the County Board consolidate the “New Freedom” and “Go Pass” programs into one program, streamline by having participants pay a half price fee (i.e. \$1.25) for use and give participants the ability to place money on their membership cards just like the “M-card”. Thus it would cut printing and mailing costs.

Resolution 2017-03 - 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 that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, in caucus assembled, 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.
- f. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call for the legislature of the state of Wisconsin to adopt legislation which would require that Wisconsin courts apply only American Law.

Resolution 2017-04 - 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 the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, in caucus assembled, urges the state of Wisconsin to repeal the Unfair Sales Act, otherwise known as the minimum markup law.

Resolution 2017-05 - 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.

Resolution 2017-06 - Disclosure of Gifts Legislation

- a. WHEREAS parents, students and prospective students need to make informed decisions about higher education; and
- b. WHEREAS state colleges and universities receive gifts and donations from a wide variety of sources; and
- c. WHEREAS each institute of higher education should hold true to full disclosure and transparency.
- 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 Full Disclosure of Gifts Legislation whereby any "conditional gift" meaning an endowment, scholarship, gift, donation, or grant of money or property of any kind of \$50,000 or more by any foreign government, royalty, person or entity be fully disclosed and available to public inspection during the institutions normal business hours.

Resolution 2017-07 - Civil Forfeiture Reform

- a. WHEREAS Wisconsin allows police departments to keep seized property they suspect is related to a crime even if the owners are never actually charged with a crime; and
- b. WHEREAS when police departments are given an opportunity to use civil forfeiture to increase their budgets, they tend to find more circumstances for seizing property.
- c. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County supports the efforts of State Senators Dave Craig and Steve Nass for civil forfeiture reform.

Resolution 2017-08 - 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 we support 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, 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 2017-09 - 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; and
- b. WHEREAS the Republican Party has stood steadfast against government policies that devalue human life, including abortion-on-demand and coercive "family planning" policies; and
- c. 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,
- d. 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; and
- e. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we oppose efforts to bring back taxpayer funding of abortion; oppose U.S. taxpayers' money funding foreign programs which promote abortion and coerced sterilizations and abortions; oppose the creation of an abortion clinic at the University of Wisconsin-Madison hospital; support the appointment of Supreme Court Justices who will support reversing the Roe v. Wade abortion decision; oppose efforts to repeal or weaken existing protections for the unborn including parental consent laws and the partial birth abortion ban; call for an immediate ban on third-trimester abortions; oppose the sale and use of aborted baby parts (i.e. fetal tissue); and oppose efforts to repeal Wisconsin's statute prohibiting abortion.

Resolution 2017-10 - 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; and
- e. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature put forth clear and an understandable criterion, as to what qualifies as a school, curriculum and fiscal controls.

Resolution 2017-11 - Enforcing Existing Immigration Law

- a. WHEREAS the United States, a nation of immigrants, has adopted laws and policies ensuring people of all nationalities can legally enter our country and eventually claim citizenship; and
- b. 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
- c. WHEREAS the cost of government services (healthcare, education, and law enforcement) for illegal immigrants is, according to a recent economic study, \$30 billion a year;
- d. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County, that the federal government must first build a wall on our southern border to protect our sovereignty, and must fully enforce existing immigration laws, and
- e. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support immigration reform that will first require the federal government to protect and secure the border and our sovereignty, but would also provide a simplified 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.

Resolution 2017-12 - Elimination of Same Day Voter Registration

- a. WHEREAS pollworkers work a long day processing election returns; and
- b. WHEREAS municipal clerks are much better prepared to handle the intricacies of election law; and
- c. WHEREAS it has become evident that rampant voter fraud is occurring in the City of Milwaukee with the discovery that more than 7,000 people who voted on election day in 2000 do not actually live where they claimed to live on election day, while there were more than 10,000 such voters in the 2004 election, and with further voter fraud occurring during the 2008 and 2010 election; and
- d. 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;
- e. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Milwaukee County supports legislation which would require pre-registration, and supports the elimination of Election Day voter registration.

Resolution 2017-13 - 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 RESOLVED that the new TABOR law may be overridden by a super-majority vote of two-thirds of the governing body of that level of government.

Resolution 2017-14 - 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 pre-assigned to adjudicate lawsuits that involve the state of Wisconsin.

Resolution 2017-15 - 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; and
- 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 2017-16 - 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, in caucus assembled, 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.