

2012 THIRD DISTRICT RESOLUTIONS

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STANDING PLATFORM REFORM

(1) GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND VALUES -- We support deleting the entire Standing RPM Platform and replacing it with language in the “Guiding Principles and Values” section (see page 4). A separate “Policy” section would then be created from scratch every two years. (proposed by 4 Senate Districts)

(2) STANDING PLATFORM COMMITTEE -- We support amending the RPM Constitution to create a Standing Platform Committee whose duties shall include review and consolidation of the standing platform.

COMMENDATIONS/PARTY BUSINESS

(3) ELECTED OFFICIALS -- We commend the following elected Republican officials for their hard work and service to our nation and to the people of Minnesota:

U.S. Congressman Erik Paulsen

...and all the other endorsed, elected Republicans

(4) PARTY WORKERS -- We further commend all State and Local Republican officials and volunteers for their hard efforts, dedication, and sacrifice in order to strengthen the party and further its principles.

(5) PARTY UNITY -- We support efforts to make the Republican Party an inclusive, majority party without compromising our values, principles, and ideals.

SECTION 1 - PROMOTE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

We support lowering the tax burden, exercising spending restraint, and creating and maintaining a fair, honest and competitive business environment to promote economic prosperity and once again make Minnesota the economic engine of the Upper Midwest.

(6) ELIMINATE FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS -- We support the elimination of federal agencies such as the EPA and Department of Energy and returning their duties back to the states.

(7) ELIMINATE FANNIE AND FREDDIE -- We support elimination of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

(8) JOB CREATION -- We support removing obstacles to long-term job creation by reducing the burdens of taxation and regulations. We oppose using government to create temporary jobs. (passed by 2 Senate Districts)

(9) HANDS OFF MY 401K -- We oppose allowing government to touch 401K, Roth IRA or any other private pension plans.

(10) LOWER MINIMUM WAGE -- We support establishing a lower minimum wage for teenage workers under the age of 18.

(11) FEDERAL RESERVE -- We support elimination of the Federal Reserve and returning to a commodity-backed money system. (passed by 2 Senate District)

Edit an existing platform plank:

(12) NO NATIONAL SALES TAX -- Republicans support comprehensive tax reform and reprioritization of government spending. We support abolishing the current tax code and replacing it with a simpler, fairer tax system that favors a ~~national sales tax~~ or flat tax. Republicans also support a simplification of the state property tax system. (Paragraph 1 of Section: “Lower Tax Burden on Families and Business”)

SECTION 2 - PRESERVING CIVIL RIGHTS

The Republican Party, the party that abolished slavery, believes that the government should treat all of its citizens equally under the law.

(13) RIGHT TO WORK -- We support a state constitutional amendment to give citizens the right to work without joining a union. (passed by 3 Senate Districts)

SECTION 3 - EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN

We support the belief that parents are responsible for their children’s education and that parents, teachers and local school boards can make the best decisions about our children’s education.

(14) FEDERAL DATA TRACKING -- We oppose implementation of a federal database to collect personally identifiable information about students (including sensitive family data). (passed by 2 Senate Districts)

(15) LOCAL CONTROL -- We oppose the adoption of any federally mandated education standards and the national tests that accompany them. (passed by 2 Senate Districts)

SECTION 4 - STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

We recognize the blessings that God has bestowed on this great Nation. We also recognize the sanctity of human life and the central role of the traditional family in our society. We work to defend those values in order to strengthen our families and communities.

Edit an existing platform plank:

(16) GAMBLING -- We seek to eliminate all state-sponsored gambling ~~and oppose any expansion of gambling in Minnesota.~~ In regards to casinos already in place, current gambling laws should be changed so that Minnesota is allowed to tax profits and revenue of tribal casino gambling in the state. (Section: “Limit the Influence of Gambling in our State”)

SECTION 6 - STRENGTHEN THE RULE OF LAW

We support limiting the power of attorneys and frivolous lawsuits, increasing the responsibility of the jury, protecting judicial elections and holding judges accountable to strengthen the rule of law and prevent abuse of our legal system.

(17A) JUDICIAL RETENTION ELECTIONS -- We support a state constitutional amendment allowing the retention elections for judges.

(17B) JUDICIAL RETENTION ELECTIONS -- We oppose retention elections for judges. (passed by 2 Senate Districts)

SECTION 7 - ENJOY AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

We believe that proper stewardship of our natural resources and agricultural lands is best achieved through sound science and adherence to constitutionally guaranteed property rights

(18) ENERGY INDEPENDENCE -- We support promoting energy independence by increasing nuclear, clean coal, oil and natural gas.

(19) END THE LIGHT BULB BAN -- We support ending the ban on incandescent light bulbs. (passed by 2 Senate Districts)

SECTION 8 - MAKING GOVERNMENT BETTER, NOT LARGER

Republicans want government to be honest, efficient and responsive to individual citizens.

(20) TAXPAYER FUNDED LOBBYING -- We support requiring all public employees who spend working hours lobbying the legislature to register as lobbyists and report their expenses to the State of Minnesota. (passed by 6 Senate Districts)

(21) PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE COMPENSATION -- We support requiring compensation packages (including salaries, pensions and medical benefits) for public workers to be no better than those enjoyed by private sector workers.

SECTION 9 - DEFENDING AMERICA AT HOME AND ABROAD

Republicans believe that peace is best maintained through a strong national defense.

(22) REPEAL NDAA -- We support repeal of the NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) which allows the President to indefinitely detain people, potentially including U.S. citizens, captured far from any battlefield. (passed by 3 Senate Districts)

(23) REPEAL PATRIOT ACT -- We support repeal of the Patriot Act. (passed by 2 Senate Districts)

(24) DISMANTLE THE TSA -- We support eliminating the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and privatizing airport security.

NEW SECTION 10 - QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

The United States has the most advanced health care system in the world that leads in innovation and the development of new technology that has increased life expectancy and improved health outcomes for millions of Americans. We support using free enterprise to continue the progress of new developments while making health care more affordable and available to more Americans.

(25) OBAMACARE -- We support an immediate and total repeal of Obamacare. Until then, Minnesota should pass no law facilitating the implementation of Obamacare. (passed by 7 Senate Districts)

(26) HEALTH CARE EXCHANGES -- We oppose Minnesota participation in any Obamacare mandated health care exchanges. (passed by 8 Senate Districts)

(27) SUPPORT HEALTH CARE COMPACT -- We support creation of an interstate compact that would place all health care programs under the member states' control, including federal programs like Medicare and Medicaid, while enabling the states to continue receiving federal funding.

Edit an existing platform plank:

(28) PATIENT PRIVACY -- We believe that patient privacy laws in ~~Minnesota~~ should be strengthened to require informed, written and voluntary consent for all disclosures of patient data. We oppose any law which forces insurance companies to share private patient data with government agencies without prior patient consent. (Paragraph 3 under “Protect our Health Care” -- passed by 5 Senate Districts)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

(language proposed by SD36)

Promote Economic Prosperity

We support lowering the tax burden, exercising spending restraint, and creating and maintaining a fair, honest and competitive business environment to promote economic prosperity and once again make Minnesota the economic engine of the Upper Midwest.

Preserve Civil Rights

We support defending the right to life, protecting religious, political and economic liberties, and respecting personal privacy and property to preserve civil rights and ensure that government treats all of its citizens equally under the law.

Educate our Children

We support the belief that parents are responsible for their children’s education and that parents, teachers and local school boards can make the best decisions about our children’s education.

Strengthen our Families and Communities

We recognize the blessings that God has bestowed on this great Nation. We also recognize the sanctity of human life and the central role of the traditional family in our society. We work to defend those values in order to strengthen our families and communities.

Protect Public Safety

We believe that the most fundamental function of government is to keep citizens and our property secure.

Strengthen the Rule of Law

We support limiting the power of attorneys and frivolous lawsuits, increasing the responsibility of the jury, protecting judicial elections and holding judges accountable to strengthen the rule of law and prevent abuse of our legal system.

Enjoy and Protect our Natural Resources

We believe that proper stewardship of our natural resources and agricultural lands is best achieved through sound science and adherence to constitutionally guaranteed property rights.

Make Government Smaller and Better

We support keeping government functions in state, local or private hands, electing honest and responsive legislative bodies and advocating for fair election processes to make government smaller and better.

Defend America at Home and Abroad

We believe that we can maintain peace by having a strong national defense, securing our borders and by encouraging all people to seek freedom, democracy and free enterprise.