## 2018 REPUBLICAN PARTY OF WISCONSIN PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin prides itself on the tradition of its educational

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2018-01: Education

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WHEREAS, each and every parent, custodian, and student should be treated with respect and equality; and 11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin calls

for the expansion of the charter and school voucher programs to include all citizens of the State of Wisconsin; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention

assembled, demands that Wisconsin repeal the Common Core Educational Standards and adopt a rigorous set of state standards without federal interference; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention

assembled, urges our state legislators and local school boards to push for curriculum changes that place greater emphasis on the basics, including science, traditional American history and civics, mathematics, reading and phonics and economics and eliminate all programs whose objectives are social engineering or advocacy of special interests.

## 2018-02: Taxes and Spending

WHEREAS. America was founded in part due to anger over an environment of excessive taxation and taxation without representation; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution does allow for taxation for specific reasons to support the general welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, these monies are to be used for the specific purpose they are originally voted on and intended; and

WHEREAS. Congressional leaders continue to kick the can down the road by voting for continuing resolutions without passing a budget; and

WHEREAS, government has found practice in using excess monies collected for one approved purpose to support other uses not adequately provided for nor approved by the citizenry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convenion assembled, does not support the transfer of funds designated for one specific purpose to that of another without public disclosure and open hearing at which the citizenry are fairly represented; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** we urge Congressional leaders to oppose continuing resolutions, and to use "pay as you go" to achieve a balanced budget by returning to regular order in both houses of Congress; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, calls upon the Wisconsin Legislature to continue to lower taxes and to delegate even more authority to the most local level of government that is practical; and

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we support ending the practice of attaching policy-making bills to the budget and calls for each policy bill to be introduced separately by title, and be debated fully and passed by recorded votes by both houses of the legislature; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we demand that all taxing authorities be elected, not appointed, to their positions by the voters in the communities they serve; and

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we believe that the federal government must restrict itself to its Constitutional powers, making it possible to reduce spending to the point where the federal income tax could be repealed altogether without replacing it with any other form of taxation.

## 2018-03: Protecting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment

**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution and the Wisconsin Constitution both affirm the basic human right to keep and bear arms; and

**WHEREAS**, since Wisconsin recognized the right to conceal and carry in November 2011, over 200,000 residents have received their Concealed Carry License; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin CCL holders, like those across the United States, have proven that responsible gun owners are a benefit to society by promoting freedom and the basic human right of self-defense, and protecting themselves and others from crime; and

**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

**WHEREAS**, demanding citizens to request permission from their government body through a permit system in order to exercise their constitutional right to bear arms is an unmistakable violation of that right; and

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**WHEREAS**, this unalienable right gives citizens the right to carry arms for self-defense at all times.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, demands that Congress and the President of the United States protect our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights by opposing any legislation that would restrict the sale or ownership of lawfully produced guns, clips and magazines, and ammunition or which would create additional taxes or fees on guns, clips, magazines and ammunition; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, stands in support of amending Act 94 to protect law-abiding citizens from civil litigation in the event that they need to defend themselves or others against imminent death or great bodily harm anywhere they are legally permissible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports the transition of state law regarding the carrying of weapons from "Shall Issue" to "Constitutional Carry," which is enjoyed by residents of the states of Vermont (1791), Montana (1991), Alaska (2003), Arizona (2010), Wyoming (2011), Arkansas (2013), Kansas (2015), Maine (2015), Idaho (2016), Mississippi (2016), Missouri (2017), and West Virginia (2016); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges the Wisconsin Legislature to adopt legislation allowing firearms to be carried on school grounds and college campuses.

## 2018-04: Sanctity of Human Life

**WHEREAS**, our founding fathers recognized life as an inalienable, individual right which the Republican Party has reaffirmed in declaring abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia to be violations of this sacred and basic human right; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court and lower Federal court decisions striking down local laws on abortion have wrested from State and local governments an issue reserved to the States and the People by the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, reaffirms 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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we insist that our federal and state legislators reaffirm the sanctity of all human life and reestablish legal protection of innocent human life from fertilization to natural death through legislation and a human life amendment to both the state and federal constitutions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we demand that our state legislators support and pass legislation allowing individuals and/or institutions in the health care field to exempt themselves from any and all abortion procedures; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we demand the state legislature and the United States Congress pass legislation banning research on aborted baby body parts and/or aborted fetal tissue and all human cloning; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we demand our federal and state governments not directly or indirectly fund abortions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we demand that the selling of aborted baby body parts and/or aborted fetal tissue be prohibited; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we oppose the research and use of embryonic stem cells and aborted fetal tissue; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we urge our legislators to mandate that abortion providers inform their patients seeking a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester abortion that their baby will feel extreme pain; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we oppose state funding for RU-486 and other emergency contraception, and feels that no business should be forced to sell such products; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we oppose the use of taxpayer money to fund foreign programs which promote abortion and coerced sterilizations; and

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we strongly oppose the practice of abortion at the University of Wisconsin hospital and demands that our Republican leaders join the fight for life against any organization or medical facility that attempts to perform abortions or use aborted fetal tissue in research; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we urge Federal and State legislators to deny funding to facilities or organizations that promote or perform assisted suicide or euthanasia and oppose efforts to legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge reforms for dementia and long-term care patient, by engaging in other alternative treatments and longer rehabilitation options to allow patients to return to their home.

# 2018-05: Candidate Accountability to the Republican Party of Wisconsin Platform

**WHEREAS**, the Republican Party of Wisconsin has, through county delegates to the annual state convention, adopted a platform and passed numerous resolutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the state party platform and resolutions thus represent the will of rank-andfile party membership across the state of Wisconsin; 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 of the party; 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 the identity of the party.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, that the State Chairman of the Republican Party should routinely send a copy of the RPW platform to each candidate running for elected office under the party banner; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, that these records should become a means for party membership to hold candidates more fully accountable to the state party platform and resolutions.

#### 2018-06: Veterans Affairs

**WHEREAS**, as some veterans return home from active duty with medical conditions not diagnosable due to dormancy or latency, that manifest later in life and may cause debilitating illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, some veterans have a gap in coverage between transition from military care to veterans administration care; and

**WHEREAS**, the care of veterans is an obligation of the government that sends the men and women of the Armed Forces on their missions of protection and those in support of men and women on such missions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, veterans shall have the right to choose their own care at a provider of their choosing, at VA's expense; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, support streamlining the process for Veterans Administration claims concerning health conditions not previously diagnosed or known to the medical community; and

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention, assembled, supports adequate funding for veterans programs that seamlessly transition veterans between military treatment and veterans administration treatment.

#### 2018-07: Repeal the Ethanol Mandate

WHEREAS, that the federal government is not in the business of subsidizing crops; and

**WHEREAS**, ethanol is an inefficient fuel, and we are converting our food supply into engine fuel.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, calls on the federal government to repeal the ethanol mandate.

## 2018-08: Federal Reserve Audit

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the moral hazard created by the Federal Reserve's policies of "quantitative easing," and the imminent danger of a collapse in the value of our dollar, and that inflation equals taxation without representation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges our state and federal legislators to do all they can to support and pass a full audit of the Federal Reserve, and demands that the members of the Congress support the Federal Reserve transparency legislation.

#### **2018-09: Forest Management**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal government formed the United States Forest Service with a mission to supply lumber and fiber to the nation, while protecting the watersheds, and provide recreational opportunities, and entered into an agreement with the people of

Forest County to allow the establishment of a National Forest within the borders of the state of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, lands were "taken" from private citizens under the principal of Eminent Domain and the Condemnation Orders specified the purpose of the taking was for the production of timber; and

**WHEREAS**, said agreement and promises were made by the USDA Forest Service to provide a sustainable forest industry within the state of Wisconsin at the time of the transfer of lands to the Federal government, and this agreement is still controlling between the people of the state of Wisconsin and the Federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, a Forest Plan in 10 year cycles was developed in the 1980s at great expense for the purpose of concisely managing the National Forests for multiple use, including prescribing the volume of timber to be harvested annually; and

**WHEREAS**, reductions in the annual harvest have caused a loss of jobs and reduced revenue to local units of government.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, states their opposition to the actions taken by the USDA Forest Service in recent years to reduce and curtail the sale of merchantable timber within the National Forests in the Lake States and specifically within the state of Wisconsin; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, that we demand that the Federal government and the USDA Forest Service resume the sale of timber at the prescribe rate, to address these issues and live up to the original intent of the National Forests and to comply with the agreements and promises made by the USDA Forest Service and our Federal government during the formation of a National Forest within the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin.

#### 2018-10: American Laws for American Courts

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America embodies unique Judeo-Christian values of liberty which do not exist in foreign legal systems, including Sharia Law; and

**WHEREAS**, foreign laws and doctrines, including UN Resolutions, which are frequently at odds with US Constitutional principles of equal protection and due process, are increasingly introduced into US court cases.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, opposes the consideration of foreign laws in US courts.

# 2018-11: Uphold the Electoral College and Oppose the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 1, Clause 2 of the Constitution states: Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Electoral College is the mechanism established by the United States Constitution for the indirect election of the President of the United States and Vice President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Electoral College structure ensures presidential candidates are elected based on the proportional population of states while ensuring small population states are adequately represented, thereby protecting the interests and sovereignty of small state governments from the peril of policies enacted by candidates who are repeatedly elected from large population states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Electoral College creates an environment where candidates campaign in states with narrow margins, instead of exclusively campaigning in large population states with less incentive to address the rural issues of states like Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, As of 2017, 10 states and the District of Columbia have joined the compact and have pledged their electors to the winner of the national popular vote, regardless of their state election outcome; collectively, these jurisdictions control 165 electoral votes, which is 61% of the 270 required for the Compact to take effect; and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 of the Constitution specifies that States are forbidden to enter into any agreement or compact with another State without the consent of Congress; and

WHEREAS, only Democrat controlled states legislatures have joined the compact.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, firmly believes that the National Popular Vote Compact is unconstitutional and calls upon the Wisconsin Attorney General to file federal law suits against states who have signed the compact; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsinin convention assembled, directs that the legislature enact an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution that provides for a division of the Wisconsin electoral vote based on actual popular vote for each candidate, by Congressional District. (moved from the 48<sup>th</sup> resolution, deleted remainder of that resolution); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin's Third Congressional District calls on state and federal legislators to uphold the Electoral College and to oppose the National Voter Compact at the state and federal level.

# 2018-12: Reduce our Nation's Vulnerability to a Nuclear Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Attack

**WHEREAS**, in September 2017, North Korea detonated an H-Bomb that it plausibly described as capable of a "super-powerful EMP" attack, and released an associated technical report "The EMP Might of Nuclear Weapons", that accurately described what Russia and China called a "Super-EMP" weapon; and

WHEREAS, in October 2017, the Congressional EMP Commission assessed the threat of an EMP attack from North Korea and concluded the threat was existential, and that the development of small nuclear arsenals and long-range missiles was one of the few ways that such a country, and radical U.S. adversaries, could inflict devastating damage to the United States; and

**WHEREAS** in 2004, the EMP Commission forewarned our nation that "Our increasing dependence on advanced electronics systems results in the potential for an increased EMP vulnerability of our technologically advanced forces, and if unaddressed makes EMP employment by an adversary an attractive asymmetric option"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama administration's complacency in addressing the EMP threat, its massive intelligence failures, and its gross underestimation of North Korea's long-range missile capabilities and nuclear weapons development programs, have made the likelihood of an EMP attack from North Korean a serious threat to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the EMP Commission has long warned the U.S. that our nation faced a potentially imminent and existential threat of nuclear EMP attack from North Korea; and, the Obama administration withheld a significant part of the monies allocated by Congress to support the EMP Commission for all of 2016, and subsequently terminated all EMP Commission funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, calls on our National Leaders to address the EMP threat as a critical and existential issue, to implement the recommendations of the EMP Commission, and ensure the necessary steps are taken to protect the country from EMP attack, to include upgrading our nations electrical power grid and military forces with hardened electronic equipment; and

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, calls on the President to take immediate executive action to protect the United States from EMP; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urge state legislators enact legislation to ensure state and local emergency response vehicles and facilities be upgraded with hardened electronic equipment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs Division of Emergency Management to assess Wisconsin's capabilities to respond to a statewide EMP attack and the associated long-term loss of power, communications, fuel, and transportation systems.

#### 2018-13: Count only Legal US Citizens in 2020 Census

WHEREAS, counting for the 2020 census will be starting shortly; and

**WHEREAS**, the result of the Census determines how resources and elected representatives are allocated to the States and districts; and

**WHEREAS**, some states are allowing/encouraging people who illegally entered the United States to live in their States, districts, and cities; and

**WHEREAS**, this brings more tax payer resources and voting power to these areas and at the same time takes these resources away from American citizens.

 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, require our Federal legislators enact legislation that would require that only legal American citizens be counted in the 2020 Census as Americans for appropriation of government funds and congressional representation.

#### 2018-14: Transportation Funding

WHEREAS, roads and bridges are in constant need of repair and/or replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, democrats raided the transportation fund of \$1 billion dollars in the 2009-2010 biennium budget leaving the State of Wisconsin with a \$1 billion shortfall in the designated transportation fund.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports the pledge of Governor Scott Walker to not raise taxes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports funding solutions for transportation projects that include reduction

in waste, prioritization of projects, and proof of necessity for replacement and new construction instead of tax increases.

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## 2018-15: Local Referendum Transparency

**WHEREAS**, all too often it seems as though voters and the public do not always have the total disclosure in regards to liabilities, debts, and the full financial impact on local referendums.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, in caucus assembled: calls upon the Wisconsin State Legislature to enact legislation that requires local government or agencies with taxation authority to completely and in the simplest terms possible disclose all liabilities, debts, and the full short and long term financial impact to include debt per capita explanations on all local referendums.

#### 2018-16: Continue Government Assistance Reforms

**WHEREAS,** the Wisconsin State legislature has made progress in reducing fraud with the state's welfare systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Democrats, socialists, and iberals have historically displayed a propensity for expanding government give-a-ways; and

**WHEREAS,** Fraud, theft, and improper payments to person(s) who are not citizens of Wisconsin exists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, highly encourage the Wisconsin State Legislature to continue its efforts to reform and reduce, government assistance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, call for a crack down and appropriately criminalize all government assistance fraud and abuse with the assistance of a State issued photo ID, and limit said assistance to lawful citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

#### 2018-17: Repeal the Minimum Markup Law 1 2 WHEREAS, the state government is not in the business of setting prices; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's retailers are still governed by the Unfair Sales Act originally 6 passed in the 1930s; and 7 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's residents are forced to pay higher prices by this law which has 8 9 outlived its usefulness; and WHEREAS, crony capitalism enables price fixing which is injurious to consumers. 12 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in 13 14 convention assembled, calls upon the state of Wisconsin to repeal the Unfair Sales Act, 15 otherwise known as the minimum markup law. 16 2018-18: Support of Conservative Candidates for State **Superintendent of Public Instruction** WHEREAS, we all pay property taxes to support public education and public schools; and WHEREAS, many of our kids have gone to public schools, which have existed in America for generations; and

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44 45 WHEREAS, the control of the K-12 education system in the State of Wisconsin resides in the hands of the State Superintendent of Schools and the Department of Public Instruction that he heads according to the Wisconsin Constitution since our founding in 1848; and

**WHEREAS**, the elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction has for generations been a liberal/progressive; and

WHEREAS, the current State Superintendent of Public Instruction coerced Wisconsin school districts in 2010 to adopt the Federally controlled standards originally called "Common Core"; and

WHEREAS, electing a conservative to the job of State Superintendent of Public Instruction would end the overbearing regulations, fiscal irresponsibility, and liberal thinking of the DPI; and

WHEREAS, both the offices of Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice and State Superintendent of Public Instruction are considered non-partisan races and often appear on the same ballot during spring elections; and

WHEREAS, in the recent past, the Republican Party of Wisconsin has chosen to support a conservative candidate in the non-partisan race for Wisconsin Supreme court Justice including, without limitation, significant in-kind donations, but has chosen not to support a conservative candidate for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, calls upon the state party apparatus to support a conservative candidate in the next election for State Superintendent of Public Instruction much like it does for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice elections.

#### 2018-19: DNA Collection

WHEREAS, a person's DNA contains their entire genetic make-up; and

**WHEREAS**, a genetic DNA profile can contain a predisposition to many diseases and genetic defects that can and have been used by medical professionals and health insurance companies to "rate" or even deny coverage to an individual; and

**WHEREAS**, this will cause a tremendous increase in the cost of health insurance to the employer and employee; and

WHEREAS, mandatory DNA samples are already collected from all convicted felons; and

WHEREAS, as an example, even a simple traffic citation is an "arrest;", and

**WHEREAS**, proposals to collect DNA from anyone who is "arrested" constitutes an invasion of privacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Obama administration has provided partial matching funds as an enticement to collect and create a DNA data base.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, directs that the Wisconsin Legislature oppose legislation to collect DNA without a warrant from all persons arrested or for genetic profiling for any reason.

## 2018-20: Election Reform

**WHEREAS**, widespread election fraud has long involved citizens casting multiple votes from multiple registrations and multiple impersonations, and has now come to include the registration and voting of aliens; and

**WHEREAS**, the low election turnout in recent decades has made each individual vote count more, making the integrity of each vote even more imperative; and

**WHEREAS**, current programs such as on-site registration and the motor-voter law combined with inattention and institutionalized indifference invite fraud at the polling place; and

**WHEREAS**, driver's licenses, and similar identification cards are so plentiful today that it is no longer an imposition to require their display.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports the requirement to present photo identification when registering to vote or when voting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that registration lists be checked by municipal clerks and purged of ineligible felons, non-citizens, non-residents, and the deceased; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all voters should be required to register at least ten days prior to an election and that same-day registration be abolished; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all temporary residents (students, etc.) be required to vote in their place of permanent residence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a statewide voter database be established and maintained for the purpose of ensuring the integrity of the voting system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that violations of election laws be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

#### 2018-21: Regional Planning Districts

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has been divided into regional planning districts; and

**WHEREAS**, we are a democratic republic, represented in Madison by our duly elected officials; and

WHEREAS, regional planning is premised on the concept of government by administrative rule; and

**WHEREAS**, administrative rule is unconstitutional and deprives the electors a vote in self determination: and

WHEREAS, the regional planning commissions have become willing accomplices in establishing the United Nations agenda on sustainable development (Smart Growth); and

WHEREAS, tax dollars are increasingly being channeled through this bureaucracy instead of through legitimate constitutional agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, local units of government are now turning to the regional planning commissions for grants and funding and submitting to stipulations that are often in direct conflict with the will of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, planning commissions are a waste of taxpayers' dollars and result in a loss of local control.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, hereby opposes Smart Growth and calls for the law to be promptly repealed by the State Legislature; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, that the Wisconsin State Legislature shall be urged to introduce legislation to terminate all regional planning districts in the State of Wisconsin; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all funding appropriations, for administration of and grants distributed by the regional planning districts, shall be returned to the general fund to balance the State Budget or refunded to the taxpayers.

#### 2018-22: Legal Reform

WHEREAS, lawsuits have become more numerous; and

 **WHEREAS**, the alleged culpability of respondents in these dubious lawsuits is often tenuous; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs of litigating lawsuits are borne by society as a whole due to resulting higher insurance premiums, higher costs of goods and services and increased costs to operate our court systems; and

**WHEREAS**, many lawsuits are settled out of Court simply for expediency to avoid a trial on the facts; and

WHEREAS, most are settled without the knowledge or consent of the sued party; and

WHEREAS, punitive damages are meant to punish the defendant much like a fine for speeding and not enrich the litigant.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges change in the law so that the prevailing party in a civil lawsuit be given the right to collect all reasonable legal fees, costs and expenses associated with the disposition of the matter from the losing party after a verdict has been rendered by the trial court and after exhaustion of appellate rights; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, direct that the Wisconsin Legislature pass legislation to provide that the insurance carrier shall not settle any lawsuit without the consent of all parties, that any attorney who is found o have brought a frivolous lawsuit be severely sanctioned by the Court, that all punitive damages that are awarded go to the State education fund, and to create a rebuttable presumption of innocence for the defendant.

#### 2018-23: Legal Drinking Age

WHEREAS, A person is a legal adult at the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, the drinking age in Wisconsin is 21; and

**WHEREAS**, People over 18 and under 21 can join the military and give their lives to their country, but they cannot drink in that country.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, move to require our Wisconsin State legislators enact legislation that would allow 18 year olds to drink alcoholic beverages in the State of Wisconsin.

## 2018-24: Repeal the Smoking Ban

WHEREAS, The Smoking ban is Wisconsin has hurt many businesses in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Wisconsin is trying to come out from under the idea of a Nanny State; and

**WHEREAS**, People in the state are mature enough to decide for themselves if they would like to smoke or not; and

**WHEREAS**, Smoking bans are infringements on the rights of the individual to enjoy a legal product; and

WHEREAS, Individuals have the right to show their approval or disapproval of smoking in an establishment by staying or leaving; and

WHEREAS, Prohibition of the use of a substance has been tried and failed in the past.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, supports the repeal of the statewide smoking ban; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we stridently supports any persons right to allow smoking on their premises.

## 2018-25: Health Care

**WHEREAS**, government on both the state and federal levels have taken control of our health care; and

**WHEREAS**, universal, government-based health care has proven to lead to increased cost and decreased access to healthcare for most consumers; and, universal, government-based health care has proven to lead to fewer choices therefore leading to the degradation of medical care.

**NOW, AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, support the complete repeal of the Affordable Care Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled,urges specific measures, such as Health Savings Accounts and greater transparency of health care costs that are market- and consumer-based; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, urges improvement in the health care industry by relying more on deregulation, free enterprise, individual responsibility, and market-oriented solutions.

## 2018-26: Immigration

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America was founded by immigrants, as a refuge for immigrants, we have a unique status in the world as a melting pot of cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, our melting pot of cultures has been fraught with struggles and discontent for much of its history and the current state of immigration affairs has nearly reached a boiling point; and

**WHEREAS**, we must forge ahead and address the problems head on, cooperatively and with respect, in order to solve the complex issue at hand; and

**WHEREAS**, it is an ongoing discussion regarding illegal immigration into this country, inconsistent enforcement, and the immensely complex process of legal immigration; and

**WHEREAS**, the current state of our immigration debate focuses too narrowly on the bitter divide between enforcement of illegal immigration and a liberal open-door policy; and

**WHEREAS**, each side of the debate shares a common argument: protection. That includes security of the citizens, protection of the economy, and protection of America's unique culture; and

**WHEREAS**, we must simultaneously address the enforcement of illegal immigration, the nature of the legal immigration process, the security of our borderland the future of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, we cannot begin to address these issues unless our government officials, community leaders, and law-abiding citizens recognize the need for cooperation, understanding and consideration of all points of view; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that we solve the debate on immigration once and for all, so that Americans can push forward and address the other needs inside our own borders.

 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, implores our representatives in local county, state and federal government positions to come to the table, and join in a cooperative and honest discussion on the needs of immigration reform in this county, so that we may change the system permanently to allow for fair, limited, legal immigration; and we the representatives of the Republican Party, invite our friends from across the aisle to come and join in a discussion in order to agree on a solution that will benefit all.

#### 2018-27: Nuclear Power

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a need to increase the generation of electricity; and

**WHEREAS**, nuclear energy presently supplies more than twenty (20) percent of the electricity generated in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has strict standards to control pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, nuclear generation of electricity produces no air pollutants or greenhouse gases; and

**WHEREAS**, nuclear generation of electricity produces no water pollutants including mercury; and

 WHEREAS, nuclear generation provides affordable electricity to the consumer; and

**WHEREAS**, nuclear generation of electricity has proven to be a very reliable source of base load power; and

**WHEREAS**, increased nuclear generation of electricity will help to ease demand for and reduce the cost of other fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas needed to heat homes; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been vast improvements in the design and construction of nuclear power plants throughout the world since the last nuclear plants were constructed in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, commercial nuclear fuel used for the generation of electricity does not contain sufficient fissionable material – i.e. enrichment – to be deployed in weapons applications (commercial fuel is enriched to less than five (5) percent as compared with weapons material, which must be enriched to 80 percent or more; and

**WHEREAS**, the abundant supply of uranium throughout the United States and in other safe, politically stable regions of the world make nuclear energy a key strategic component of a sustainable, diverse statewide and national energy portfolio, with corresponding economic and national security benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, policies are in place for nuclear waste to be stored safely, including long-term disposal in a geologic repository.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, that we urge the state of Wisconsin to allow the construction of new nuclear electricity generation plants.

#### 2018-28 The Terrorist Designation Act

**WHEREAS**, the Muslim Brotherhood has been designated as a terrorist organization in Europe, Egypt, the UAE and other mid-eastern countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Muslim Brotherhood's Strategic Goals for North America Explanatory Memorandum" clearly documents a detailed plan to overthrow the government of the United States of America through "Civilization Jihad" by resettling Muslim refugees who have no intention of assimilating in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the Muslim Brotherhood's satellite organizations such as CAIR and MSA work towards the goal of installing Sharia in American courts and society; and

**WHEREAS**, CAIR was named as an unindicted co-conspirator of the *Holy Land Foundation* trial defendants who were convicted of raising money through this fraudulent charity for the benefit of the terrorist group Hamas; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of these Muslim Brotherhood satellite organizations have never renounced this treasonous plan of Civilization Jihad; and

**WHEREAS**, the day after the November 2016 Presidential election, the Executive Director for the Los Angeles chapter of CAIR called for the outright overthrow of the United States government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Muslim Brotherhood Terrorist Designation Act would help law enforcement and the Department of Justice to remove or bring to justice subversive people who are opposed to the principles of freedom and liberty that our country was founded upon.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, demand House Speaker Paul Ryan to move this legislation forward in the House of Representatives and to demand members of the House of Representatives to pass this legislation as soon as possible.

## 2018-29: Maintain Our Constitutional Heritage

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a sovereign nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America is a Constitutional Republic established under Judeo-Christian principle that the Creator has endowed the individual with certain inalienable rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the free institutions of the traditional family, the church, the school, and voluntary associations, not coercive power of government, are central to a free, moral, and prosperous society; and

**WHEREAS**, the constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Wisconsin are the unifying legal framework that protects liberty and provides justice for generations of American citizens by allowing them to implement the will of the majority while protecting the rights of the individual.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, pledge to adhere to the letter and the spirit of those documents and to hold our representatives accountable to their oath of office "to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;" and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that this Republican Party uphold and promote the unifying principles of liberty and limited government set forth in the Constitution and

refrain from creating and exploiting divisions among our citizens based on race, gender, religion, or economic status; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that whereas the separation of powers as defined in the Constitution requires Congress to make law, not the President or Judiciary, we call on Congress to stop its generational theft and to exercise its constitutionally defined fiscal responsibilities by balancing revenue and expenses and implementing zero based budgeting; and

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that whereas the separation of powers as defined in the Constitution requires Congress to make law, not the President or Judiciary, we call on Congress to eliminate Senate rules that have reduced its function to that of a roadblock both to legislation initiated by the house and judicial and administrative appointments made by the president; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that whereas the separation of powers as defined in the Constitution requires Congress to make law, not the President or Judiciary, we call on Congress to maintain and expand our trade with friendly countries that when it does not undermine our national defense; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that whereas the separation of powers as defined in the Constitution requires Congress to make law, not the President or Judiciary, we call on Congress to refrain from making laws that violate citizen rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, particularly those enumerated in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that whereas the separation of powers as defined in the Constitution requires Congress to make law, not the President or Judiciary, we call on Congress to devolve to the states or remove from the federal agenda policies and programs that do not comply with the 10th amendment. These would include, but are not limited to, the Affordable Care Act, and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that whereas the separation of powers as defined in the Constitution requires Congress to make law, not the President or Judiciary, we call on Congress to reign in the arbitrary power of the EPA that impede a national goal of energy independence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that whereas the separation of powers as defined in the Constitution requires Congress to make law, not the President or Judiciary, we call on Congress to secure the borders and streamline existing immigration law by ending chain migration, the immigration lottery, birthright citizenship, and welfare benefits to those entering the country illegally; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that whereas the separation of powers as defined in the Constitution requires Congress to make law, not the President or Judiciary, we call on Congress to To respect the constitutional protections of human life, including that of the unborn, the infirm, and the elderly; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that whereas the separation of powers as defined in the Constitution requires Congress to make law, not the President or Judiciary, we call on Congress to To end programs that discourage personal responsibility, self-reliance, and the formation of the traditional family.