

**2022 Resolutions Passed by
Goshen County Republican Party (GCRP)
At County Convention held on March 19, 2022**

I. FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENSE

(NONE)

II. ENERGY

1. Reconstitution of Split-Estates to Whole-Estates

WHEREAS, mineral extraction on split-estates where the ownership of mineral right cannot be established allows for the state to retain all monies associated with said extraction; and

WHEREAS, most neighboring western States recognize a reversion of mineral rights to surface owners to make the estate whole when mineral rights ownership are vacated by lack of activity;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Republican Party (WRP) supports the passage of legislation to recombine mineral and surface estates when the owner of the mineral right cannot be identified after reasonable efforts.

2. Reverse Clean Power Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY calls for the reversal of EPA regulations known as the Clean Power Plan.

3. Energy Independence

WHEREAS, foreign policy is often adversely driven by energy dependence; and,

WHEREAS, during the Trump administration it was proven that the United States can be energy independent; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports United States energy independence.

4. Hydrogen Energy Projects

WHEREAS the State of Wyoming's geographical climate zones consist primarily of areas of arid desert, semiarid steppe (short-grass prairie), and alpine climates; and

WHEREAS considering the nature of our state, water is considered a precious resource, overseen and extensively managed and studied by authorities such as local irrigation boards, the Wyoming State Climate Office, the Department of Environmental Quality, WY Game and Fish, the State Engineer's Office, Wyoming Legislature, etc.; and

WHEREAS without the precious resource of water, which Wyoming has worked extensively to protect through the State Constitution, statutes, advisory boards, and lawsuits, Wyoming's agricultural activities would be virtually impossible and would significantly impact the landscape and economy; and

WHEREAS water reserves such as ground-water aquifers, rivers, and other storage basins are “communal” resources that provide thousands of Wyomingites, millions of livestock, and countless acres of cropland with life-giving water; and

WHEREAS in response to the media’s, corporate giants’, and government’s gaslighting of consumers about fossil-fuels, pushing for “renewable, green, clean fuels”, foreign based companies such as Nordex-Acciona (Germany) propose building “clean” hydrogen fuel plants in Eastern Wyoming; and

WHEREAS the process of producing hydrogen fuel requires separating the hydrogen and oxygen molecules in a water compound, meaning no-water is returned back into the eco-system; and

WHEREAS the project that Nordex-Acciona proposes building in West-Central Niobrara County or East-Central Converse County would pump 700/gal/minute, 24/7, 365 days/year or 1,200 ac. ft./year, which would draw from the Madison aquifer or be piped 20-30 miles using Dave Johnson powerplant water rights (should they be decommissioned), resulting in a draw of 367.9 million gallons of water yearly for the 30 - 50 year life-span of the project; and

WHEREAS local ranchers and irrigators have acknowledged the value and significant benefit to allowing the aquifers to “recharge” during the off-season/winter months, and projects like these would negate this restful benefit to the groundwater supply; and

WHEREAS the former statement has grounds for significant consideration as a recent article published by WyoFile.com in the Gillette News Record, *Study: Up to 144 years for aquifers to recover from methane gas development*, Pub. Jan. 26, 2022, reported that the Wyoming State Geological Survey found that the methane water wells in Campbell County had reduced the aquifer levels by more than 100 feet and the recovery of the aquifer would take 20-144 years; and

WHEREAS Nordex-Acciona hopes to be “independent” of the electrical grid, utilizing 180-200 wind turbines plus solar generators to power the hydrogen plant. In total, such an endeavor would require a footprint of 80,000 – 100,000 acres which would be leased from cooperating private landowners, but creates a viewshed for 3-15 miles. Structures and roads to such devices would impact land available for livestock grazing, wildlife habitats and migration patterns, and tourism dollars from sightseers and hunting enthusiasts alike; and

WHEREAS hydrogen is a highly corrosive and volatile substance that is transported via truck or rail, posing new and significant dangers to communities in the event of an accident involving the substance; and

WHEREAS the market for hydrogen fuel is virtually non-existent in America, and largely experimental in maritime, aviation, and fleet trucking industries in Europe; and

WHEREAS the building and promotion of hydrogen fuels preys on the supposition that the fossil-fuel industry will have to be crippled in-order to create a market for this fuel; and

WHEREAS on Dec.15, 2021, Governor Gordon proposed \$100 million of the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds be set-aside “to match private-sector or federal funds for large-scale energy projects” including “a hydrogen hub”. Additionally, on Feb. 24, 2022, Governor Gordon’s office published a press release announcing a coalition between Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah for developing a regional hydrogen hub; and

WHEREAS state officials, including Governor Gordon, the State Engineer's Office, the UW School of Energy, and the Department of Environmental Quality fail to acknowledge the virtually non-existent market for hydrogen, the detrimental impacts to agricultural and mining communities, and the effects on our Wyoming landscapes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY strongly opposes the development of hydrogen plants and hubs in Wyoming due to the detrimental impact they pose to agriculture livelihoods and local communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we call upon Governor Mark Gordon, the State Engineer's Office, the Department of Environmental Quality, the UW School of Energy, and other significant Wyoming government agencies involved in the promotion of hydrogen projects, to acknowledge the potential harm hydrogen poses to Wyoming communities and to repeal their unjustified support of these efforts.

III. IMMIGRATION AND IMMIGRANTS

(NONE)

IV. JOBS AND ECONOMY

1. Repeal of Dodd-Frank

WHEREAS, the Dodd-Frank Bill picks winners and losers, declares chosen banks and companies as too-big-to fail, therefore destroying free-market principles and fairness under the law;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY calls for its repeal or nullification.

2. Election of Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners

WHEREAS, the makeup of Wyoming Game and Fish Commission does not reflect the views of the demographic of Wyoming citizens (no more than four of the seven-member board can be of one party and are appointed by the Governor);

WHEREAS, the electorate of Wyoming is overwhelmingly Republican;

WHEREAS, the wildlife in Wyoming by law belongs to the people of Wyoming;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are currently appointed by the Governor from the seven districts mostly made up of three counties each for a six-year term;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY strongly supports the Legislature to pass into law the Election of Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners by the people of each district; candidates originating from one county in the district on a rotational basis and that the term of office is six years.

3. Public Employees

WHEREAS public employees influence the execution of public policy, and

Whereas State of Wyoming, County and local entities use Wyoming tax dollars to pay public employees, and

Whereas public employees are defined as employees of State, County, and Local government institutions, including but not limited to schools and prisons, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the qualifications being equal, Wyoming residents should be given preferential consideration with respect to hiring and employment in the public sector.

V. CRIME AND LAW

1. Election Integrity

WHEREAS public confidence in our federal election system is at an all-time low, and Wyoming voters remain steadfastly committed to ensuring election integrity in all of its elections, and over the last two decades incremental changes have been made to the Wyoming election statues which can lead to further incremental election law changes and cause the erosion of election integrity in Wyoming; and any further steps toward drop-boxes and mail-in voting in any form would be a further incremental step in the wrong direction; and

WHEREAS, the law does not currently require sufficient proof of identity or citizenship when voting in municipal, county, state and federal elections; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports legislation to require all voters in any election to provide proof of citizenship upon voter registration and also State approved photo identification at the polling place, fostering to the highest extent possible in-person voting, and taking all steps to minimize election fraud.

2. Right to Religious Convictions

WHEREAS, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes in the freedom of religion and speech; and

WHEREAS, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY calls for laws protecting the individuals and business owners' right to religious convictions and the ability to refuse service or conduct business according to the dictates of their conscience; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that government is instituted to protect those rights and may not be used to discriminate against its citizens.

3. Against Red Flag Gun Seizure

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution says, "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed", and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment does not exist to give citizens the right to keep and bear arms, but, instead, the Second Amendment exists to prevent government from infringing on the right of citizens to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the definition of infringed reads, "to encroach upon in such a way that violates law or the rights of another", and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Wyoming states, “The right of citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and of the state shall not be denied”, and

WHEREAS, communities such as Chicago and Baltimore have the strictest gun control laws in the nation and consequently the highest murder rates, and

WHEREAS, Red Flag laws allow police to confiscate guns from any individual without due process, based on a claim of potential self-harm or other concern, requiring the owner of said guns to then spend thousands to prove innocence when presumed innocence is the baseline of our legal system, and

WHEREAS, Red Flag laws unnecessarily put law enforcement and citizens at risk with no basis or suspicion of a crime or guilt, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY opposed Red Flag gun laws in Wyoming, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY demands Elected Legislators fulfill their oath of office and defend Wyoming citizens against the violation of the Second, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Wyoming by stopping any such proposed legislation from becoming law, and to nullify any such laws from being enacted in Wyoming.

4. Data Collections and Surveillance

WHEREAS, advanced technology has expanded and made data collection and surveillance easily accessible through drones and other technology;

BE IT RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes that any information collected without written permission or probable cause cannot be used against you or as a means to harass or coerce you in any way.

VI. GOVERNMENT AND BUDGETS

1. Resolution Re-Affirming the United States as a Republic

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a representative republic governed by specific principles to protect minorities from the majority and prevent our government from becoming centralized; and

WHEREAS, one of our founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton said, “We are now forming a Republican form of government. Real liberty is not found in the extremes of democracy. If we incline too much to democracy we shall soon shoot into a monarchy, or some other form of a dictatorship.”

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4 of the United States Constitution declares, “The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a Republican Form of Government.”

WHEREAS, in our Wyoming Republican Platforms, #11 states, “Our constitutional representative republic remains the best political system, derived from history and knowledge of human nature, to prohibit tyranny, assure equality of opportunity and protect our individual rights.”; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY celebrates and reaffirms that our United States of America’s form of Government is a Representative Republic.

2. Continuation of the Electoral College

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports the continuation of the Electoral College.

3. Office Holders and Republican Party Platform

WHEREAS, loyalty is a two-way street between constituents and those holding the public trust through their service as office holders; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party platform expresses the values of Republican voters and their expectations of Republican office holders; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes that if you are a party or office holder and you find yourself in disagreement with a substantial amount of the Republican Party platforms, the party strongly suggests that you not run as a Republican.

4. Disavow Support of Representative Liz Cheney

WHEREAS, Representative Liz Cheney has failed to represent the views of her Wyoming constituents; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that We, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY disavows all support of Liz Cheney in all future elections.

5. Equal Application of the Law

WHEREAS, the Congress and the President are exempt from the Affordable Care Act and other laws applied to the American people; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY demands that all laws passed on behalf of the American people will apply to all including the President, Congress and Judicial Branch and be enforced without exception; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those that make the laws are not exempt from the law.

6. Rejection of Non-Legislative Federal Orders

WHEREAS, previous administrations have circumvented the legislative process thereby muting the voice of the people; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that no Executive Action can violate existing law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY requires the State of Wyoming not honor an executive order from the President of the United States if the law is not passed by the Senate and House of Representatives as required by the United States Constitution.

7. Resolution regarding Federal mandates

WHEREAS, President Biden has issued illegal and unconstitutional Federal mandates, including but not limited to vaccine mandates; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY encourages the Wyoming Legislature to develop state regulation blocking all illegal mandates and to declare such mandates null and void in the State of Wyoming.

8. Congressional Compensation vs. Balanced Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY requests that members of the US Senate and the US House of Representatives receive no increase in salary or other benefits until and unless the federal budget is balanced.

9. Social Security

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes that Social Security tax funds should be changed to dedicated funds used for Social Security benefits only.

10. Keep God's Name on Public Buildings

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports leaving God's name on all traditional government buildings, on our currency, the pledge of allegiance and traditional patriotic songs.

11. Elected Official Vacancy

WHEREAS, in Wyoming the major political parties are closer to the people who elected a person to carry out the responsibility of a particular office to which he has been elected; and

WHEREAS, the political party interviews and nominates potential replacements in the event of the vacancy of an elected official's position; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners might not be of the same political affiliation as the office holder to be replaced or cannot come to an agreement to appoint from among the nominees the political party presented to the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, if the County Commissioners cannot come to agreement, the District Court judge may decide to set aside the Party's nominated replacements and instead choose an unnominate replacement;

BE IT RESOLVED, that WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports a change in the Wyoming Statutes to grant the County Central Committee of the Party of the elected official to be replaced, the sole authority to name and fill the vacancy.

12. Governor Appointee's to Boards

WHEREAS, the Governor's appointees to the committees are split 4-3 by political affiliation at the governor's discretion; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming is more heavily weighted to the Republican Party; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the political make-up of the State Committees appointed by the Governor shall be determined proportionately based on the party affiliation of the registered participating voters in the previous general election.

13. Limits on Land Valuation

WHEREAS, property taxes have doubled since 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Legislature and the Governor have knowingly passed laws which require large sums of funding for nonessential items and services and then call for new or increased taxes to provide essential items and services;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY opposes property tax increases to fund the shortfall in Wyoming's revenue.

14. Against Tax Increase

The State of Wyoming and its people have long valued Liberty, self-reliance, and conservative values. The Republican Party, from the National to State and to County, in their platforms and resolutions has long called for fiscal conservatism.

WHEREAS, since 2000, Wyoming has had unprecedented growth in government, making Wyoming the #1 state in the ratio of government employees per capita, and

WHEREAS, the current economy can no longer sustain the fiscal irresponsibility of our State Government, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has recently raised fees and licenses and is discussing creating new revenue enhancements and tax increases, and

WHEREAS, Wyoming's economy and business climate has put a strain on the remaining citizens personal budgets, and

WHEREAS, the State Republican Platform states: "Liberty is indivisible from economic freedom. The free market economy is the economic system most compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and constitutional government. Government's undue interference in the market, as well as the fiscal irresponsibility of government, results in economic inequity. There exists no fundamental right to the fruits of another person's labor", therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY calls upon the State Legislature and the Governor to practice fiscal restraint, reign in spending, and cut unnecessary budget items rather than increasing revenue streams.

15. Against State Income Tax

WHEREAS, a state income tax kills the profit motive, and

WHEREAS, a state income tax adds much to the size of government, and

WHEREAS, having a state income tax in Wyoming takes away from our business-friendly climate, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY opposes the creation of a state income tax.

16. Opposing a 6th Penny Sales Tax in Goshen County

WHEREAS, inflation is rising at an alarming rate; the government is admitting to 8% but we are seeing instances of 200-300% on some products.

WHEREAS, the Goshen County Commissioners have been told to expect property taxes to rise from 9-20%.

WHEREAS, fuel prices are at an all time high and are expected to go higher and fertilizer prices have doubled and tripled.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the GCRP is opposed to the 6th penny sales tax being proposed by the municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the GCRP is opposed to putting this proposed tax on the ballot.

17. 2022 Redistricting

WHEREAS, Wyoming's constitution requires one senator and one representative from each county;

WHEREAS, many counties do not have a representative or senator residing within their boundaries;

BE IT RESOLVED, during the 2022 redistricting process, district boundaries will require no more than one senator per county, and one representative prorated based on the smallest county's population. Senate district boundaries will be aligned within County lines. Representatives would be nested within County boundaries with no less than one per county.

18. Each Wyoming County should be Represented by 1 Senator

BE IT RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes that each Wyoming county should be represented by 1 senator.

19. Legislature meeting days

WHEREAS, the meeting days of our citizen legislature are excessive and discouraging to potential interested persons from running for office;

BE IT RESOLVED, limiting the number of meeting days to 60 days during the biennium of our citizen legislature would give interested people the opportunity to serve their communities and save tax payers dollars.

20. Budget before bills

WHEREAS, during the budget session of the Wyoming Legislature, the budget takes a backseat to bills that should be dealt with during a General Session;

BE IT RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes the budget should be passed before entertaining new bills.

21. Campaign Funding restricted to Wyoming Residents

BE IT RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes that anyone running for a political office in Wyoming should have their campaign funded only with money from Wyoming residents.

22. Party Affiliation

WHEREAS, a crossover loophole exists for party affiliation changes in Wyoming State Statutes;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY seeks a change in voter registration procedures whereby voters will not be allowed to change their party affiliation between the time periods starting with the opening of filing for county, state, or federal offices, until the close of voting on the day of

the General Election. No withdrawal shall be followed by reregistering during this time. Unregistered voters may register during this time period for any political party of their choice.

23. County Polling Locations

WHEREAS, some county residents already travel significant distances to existing polling locations; and

WHEREAS, combining polling places will increase travel distance for some county residents and deter voting; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY opposes combining or moving the existing county polling places outside of the precincts.

24. Paper Ballots

WHEREAS, the absentee ballot process works well on paper; and,

WHEREAS, electronic voting devices are more susceptible to tampering; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that all elections in the State of Wyoming be made on paper ballots.

25. Drop Boxes

Be it resolved drop boxes for ballots are banned except for two each at our county courthouse, one inside and one outside with 24 hr surveillance.

26. Ballot Harvesting

Be it resolved the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY does not support ballot harvesting.

27. Rumble Strips

WHEREAS, traveling across Wyoming roads is done by many motorists (commerce, tourist and personal); and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and good repair of those roads is vital to that traveling; and

WHEREAS, the latest placement of rumble strips, on and over the top of the white lines of those roads, can inhibit such traveling and does not support maintenance or good repair of those roads; and

WHEREAS, the latest placement of rumble strips, produces a more constricted lane of travel for motorists and creates a more dangerous road for motorists;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY requests the rumble strips placed on Wyoming roads, be **entirely** on the shoulder side of the white line of those roads; and be maintained for safety for all drivers in all conditions.

28. Eminent Domain

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports the primacy of private property rights as recognized by the Constitution of the State of Wyoming and support legislation that would further limit the use of the government and government sanctioned power of eminent domain.

29. Resolution to regulate state emergency declarations

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Mark Gordon declared a State of Emergency for Wyoming, Order 2020-2 Declaration of a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency and did not fully rescind the Order until March 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of a State of Emergency was intended to “flatten the curve” to ensure our medical capabilities were not overcome in the short run before additional resources could be prepared; and

Whereas, since the “15 Days to Flatten the Curve,” our life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness have been obliterated. Our federal and sometimes our state and local governments have ignored our constitution and become tyrants -- locking us in our homes, not allowing church attendance, requiring our faces to be covered, closing down businesses, closing down schools, not allowing physicians to prescribe and practice medicine, not allowing citizens to make their own medical decisions, with a threat of loss of employment if mandates weren't adhered to, and much more. At every stage of these Oppressions, we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms – going before school boards, attending peaceful rallies to show our displeasure, etc., but all has mostly fallen on deaf ears; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing State of Emergency has proved to be worse than the cure and the corresponding mandates of the last two years have flattened our liberty and economy, ruined lives, and have been proven to be based on lies and really about control and power; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY demands legislation that would allow the Governor of Wyoming to declare a State of Emergency for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days. Renewal or extension of an emergency declaration would then require approval of both the Wyoming House of Representatives and the Wyoming Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our state legislature will uphold our state constitution, paying careful attention to these: Article 1, Section 38a, “Each competent adult shall have the right to make his or her own health care decisions,” and Article 1, Section 38d, “The state of Wyoming shall act to preserve these rights from undue governmental infringement.”

30. Resolution to Protect the Property Rights of Wyoming's Citizens

Whereas the Declaration of Independence of The United States of America declares, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness,

And Whereas the term “pursuit of happiness” was understood by Thomas Jefferson, who authored the Declaration of Independence, to include the sacredness of property,

And Whereas the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution declares, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized,”

And Whereas the Fifth Amendment to The United States Constitution states that “no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation,”

And Whereas business owners who were forced to shut down unlawfully during the COVID-19 declared pandemic were not offered just compensation when their properties were in effect seized for public use under the pretext of the public good,

And Whereas the Fourteenth Amendment to The United States Constitution declares, “No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws,”

And Whereas recent history related to the COVID-19 declared pandemic demonstrated that both the Federal and Wyoming State governments were unwilling to secure the unalienable rights of the citizens,

And Whereas during the COVID-19 emergency lock downs, both civil and property rights were unlawfully and unconstitutionally violated,

And Whereas local governments are established to protect the unalienable rights of the citizens within their respective jurisdictions,

And Whereas the revocation of state licensing and permitting of businesses was used as a threat against business owners who attempted to stand against the unlawful shutdown mandates in Wyoming,

Therefore, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY hereby resolves that all licensing of businesses and/or permitting for the operation of businesses within Wyoming’s counties should be issued and administered within their respective counties where government oversight and accountability is closest to the people and where the county governments can fulfill their obligation to protect the unalienable rights of the people from unlawful coercion by state and/or federal governments and/or agencies.

31. Refugee Resettlement

WHEREAS, the Federal Government supports a refugee program for resettlement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is no screening policy that can fully ensure the safety of the United States citizens from these refugees; and

WHEREAS, recent violent crimes by refugees in other countries and the US indicate a great risk of harm;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY opposes resettlement of refugees in the State of Wyoming without consent of the county.

VII. HEALTH & SOCIETY

1. Oppose UN Initiatives

WHEREAS, education is needed to shine the light on the negative impact UN Initiatives have on a constitutional capitalist republic;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports educating all the elected officials, at all levels, regarding the encroachment activities initiated by the United Nations.

2. Audit of the Federal Reserve

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports petitioning States to demand a complete audit of the Federal Reserve.

3. Non-Discrimination of Individual Rights

WHEREAS, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes in the freedom of religion and speech; and

WHEREAS, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY calls for laws protecting the individuals and business owners' right to religious convictions and the ability to refuse service or conduct business according to the dictates of their conscience;

BE IT RESOLVED, that government is instituted to protect those rights and may not be used to discriminate against its citizens.

4. Legalization of Marijuana

WHEREAS, State elected officials are being petitioned to legalize the sale of marijuana in the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, such legalization would adversely impact on the character and behavior of our society; and

WHEREAS, such legalization would create administrative problems relative to the sale and control of such substances; and

WHEREAS, such legalization would create an additional factor jeopardizing highway safety;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY hereby opposes the legalized sale of marijuana in the State of Wyoming and hereby strongly urge the Governor and the State Legislators to reject such efforts.

5. Definition of Marriage

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports existing law that defines marriage only as that of a union between one man and one woman and that the State of Wyoming will only recognize marriage that fits that definition and will not recognize or provide benefits to any marriage from other states that violate our one man/one-woman marriage statute.

6. Sanctity of Life

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence protects the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, we believe in the sanctity of life;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes we must protect life from conception to natural, unassisted death and encourages the legislature to pass laws to encourage the protection of life for all citizens.

7. Health Insurance

The WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports legislation allowing the purchase of health insurance across state lines, regardless of Obamacare status.

8. Health Information Privacy

WHEREAS, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) was enacted by the federal government and all citizens of the United States of America are covered by HIPAA and the Privacy Rule included under the law; and,

WHEREAS, the HIPAA Privacy Rule only allows for the following covered entities to be entitled to access to a person's medical information: Healthcare providers, Health plans, Healthcare clearinghouses, and Business associates to the first three entities and there is no provision in the law to allow any other entity other than the covered entities to require access to a person's private medical information; and,

WHEREAS, local, state, federal entities and some privately owned businesses are requiring persons' private medical information (e.g., Vaccine Passports) to access goods, services, and entry to property in obvious, deliberate violation of the HIPAA Privacy Rule and the basic tenets of the HIPAA law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY demands that all persons violating any aspects of the HIPAA Law or any entity, except for those covered entities, requiring private medical information to access goods, services, or property be prosecuted to the full extent allowable under the law by local, state, and federal law enforcement and judiciaries as applicable.

9. Protection of doctors

WHEREAS, the doctor/patient relationship is sacrosanct; and,

WHEREAS, the government should never interject itself into that relationship; and,

WHEREAS, doctors (not the CDC or hospital administration) are best suited to determine the best treatment for a patient; and,

WHEREAS, before the COVID-19 crisis, physicians practiced medicine and were allowed to prescribe off-label drugs, if in their judgment it would be effective in treating their patient; and

WHEREAS, since the COVID-19 pandemic, physicians have been censored if they stray from the government's official care plan for a patient with the virus; and

WHEREAS, 500 patients were saved with hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY demands that our physicians be allowed to practice medicine without being penalized, including loss of employment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Government coercion should not be used to affect medical decisions.

10. Healthcare Freedom

WHEREAS Article 1, Section 38 of the Wyoming State Constitution states that adult individuals have the right to make their own medical decisions, and a parent, guardian, or legal representative of any other natural person shall have the right to make health care decisions for that person; and

WHEREAS vaccination is a medical decision;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY opposes any vaccine mandates, vaccine passports, and mask mandates;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY also opposes any governmental, educational, corporate, or private discrimination of individuals and groups by requiring proof of vaccination in order to interact, attend, be served, be employed, or associate in any way with them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes that employers, government agencies, or anyone else cannot audit religious freedom or personal convictions concerning healthcare decisions.

11. There are only two sexes

BE IT RESOLVED, that there are only two sexes, male (xy chromosome) and female (xx chromosome), and only females will be allowed to compete in any Wyoming sanctioned girls or women's sport.

VIII. LAND, AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

1. Equality in Split-Estate Properties

WHEREAS, The State of Wyoming recognizes a split-estate; and

WHEREAS, landowners are frequently denied full restitution for surface damages incurred by energy development on their properties through deceptive and harassing practices, and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State to preserve to the greatest extent an unspoiled landscape;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY calls for further reform to the split estate laws to grant greater autonomy and control to the surface owner of all private property.

2. Federal Ownership of Land

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has historically mismanaged the land it controls; and

WHEREAS, they are selling it to foreign countries;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY demands that the federal government shall not be allowed to purchase any more private land or sell or transfer any land to a foreign entity or government.

3. Opposition to Executive Order #14008, the "30x30" Program

WHEREAS Wyoming GOP Platform #4 states, "The pursuit by an individual to rightfully acquire, keep and enjoy his own property is foundational. Every individual has the right to develop his own potential, to use and enjoy his own property, tangible or intellectual, and to pursue his own interests, free from the restrictions of arbitrary force. Individuals are always presumed to be the best stewards of their property. Additionally, WY GOP Platform #5 states, "The WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports the protection of private property from the use of eminent domain, civil asset forfeiture, amortization or inverse condemnation"; and

WHEREAS the federal government has constitutionally usurped and obtained control of 48.19% of the total 62,343,040 acres in the Great State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS over a half million acres in Wyoming are committed to conservation easements; and

WHEREAS Wyoming's agriculturists are the best stewards of the land and water – their survival depends on it; and

WHEREAS livestock grazing, irrigated and dryland cropping, oil and gas production, mining and mineral development, timber harvest, hunting, recreation and tourism are the drivers of Wyoming's economy; and

WHEREAS in Section 215 of Executive Order #14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to "preserve" at least 30% of the LANDS AND WATER in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" or "America the Beautiful" program; and

WHEREAS under the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently "preserved" in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS the 30 x 30 program would cause significant harm to the economy of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS there is no constitutional authority for the President or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently remove 30% of all land from production and control 30% of the water in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY, as follows:

The WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY opposes the 30 x 30 initiative also known as "America the Beautiful", including its objective of permanently conserving 30% of the Nation's land in wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, which would prevent the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands or restricting vegetative treatments including but not limited to grazing, reducing invasive/noxious plant infestations and wildfire mitigation by the year 2030 or any similar program that will permanently set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands and, any program governing water use and water rights that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized by Wyoming law; and

We also call upon the national delegation, state legislature, governor, and county commissions to stand against these unconstitutional executive mandates.

4. Clean Water Act (CWA) Primacy

WHEREAS, Wyoming is in better position to regulate its own water; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming can find better solutions to provide clean water;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports Wyoming take primacy over the Clean Water Act within the State of Wyoming.

5. Waters of the US

The WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY is opposed to the Waters of the US rule.

We support the State of Wyoming's Stand against the EPA's Waters of the US rule #40CFR230.3 by the filing of the amicus brief to further define waters of the US. Due to irrational decisions and overstepping their bounds we support the doing away with the Environmental Protection Agency.

6. Wyoming Water Law

BE IT RESOLVED, that WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY wants to protect our strong Wyoming Water Law.

7. "BEEF" AND "MEAT"

WHEREAS, the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Inspection Services (FSIS) does not have specific definitions for the terms "beef" or "meat"; and

WHEREAS, consumers widely understand "beef" to be the harvested flesh from a bovine animal and "meat" to be the harvested tissue or flesh from an animal; and

WHEREAS, food products made from plants, insects or artificially grown in the laboratory is NOT "meat" or "beef";

BE IT RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY desires that all food products labelled "beef" shall be limited solely to products that have been born, raised, and harvested in the traditional manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that products labelled "meat" shall be limited solely to products derived from the tissue or flesh of animals harvested in the traditional manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY requests that the USDA, FSIS conform with the petition of the United States Cattlemen's Association petition submitted on February 9, 2018 to adopt labelling rules to protect the terms "beef" and "meat" by excluding man-made, or artificially manufactured products that are not from animals born, raised, and harvested in the traditional manner.

IX. EDUCATION

1. Education Standards

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY is against national standardization of education.

2. STEM Emphasis in School Curriculum

WHEREAS, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) is vital to the twenty-first century economy,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports the emphasis of STEM in our public schools.

3. American Civics

BE IT RESOLVED, that American Civics be taught beginning in grade 8 through grade 12. So that the public education system nurtures an informed citizen with a firm foundation in the American Federal Republic based on our founding documents the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

4. Cursive Writing Instruction Required

WHEREAS, our Constitution and Declaration of Independence are written in cursive; and

WHEREAS, our National Department of Education has mandated that our schools no longer teach cursive; and

WHEREAS, our educational system is not emphasizing spelling;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY asks for a reinstatement of the teaching of cursive with an emphasis in spelling on our school systems.

5. School Protection Policies

WHEREAS, federal and state governments have shown that "one size fits all" policies for school defense are a complete failure; and,

WHEREAS, parents and school staff should be enabled to protect students; and,

WHEREAS, most school armed assaults are only stopped by armed well intentioned citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming, Division of Criminal Investigation has in place a thorough process for vetting applicants for concealed Firearm permits; Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY recommends removing school exclusions #9 and #10 from the Wyoming Concealed Firearm Permit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY supports all other school protection policies to be the responsibility of local school boards.

6. Eastern Wyoming Community College (EWC) Board

WHEREAS, the EWC Board voted to change the Board of Directors from *District* selection to *At Large* positions;

WHEREAS, a bond issue was voted on and passed in Goshen County to fund the ATEC Building on the EWC campus;

WHEREAS, a bulk of the building project will be paid by rural landowners through increased property taxes;

BE IT RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes that the EWC Board should return back to electing members from within the Historic districts previously outlined to insure representation of the whole county.

7. Private Donations

WHEREAS, private donations are often made to institutions of higher education to be utilized for specific outlined intentions such as scholarships, building or general fund.

BE IT RESOLVED, the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY believes those intentions must be honored unless there is expressed written consent from the donor to do otherwise.

8. Honoring Great Americans

WHEREAS, the federal government of the United States of America has enacted laws, rules, and illegal Presidential executive orders that are purposefully intended to limit the freedoms of the citizens of the State of Wyoming; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government of the USA has failed to protect our “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” by welcoming illegal aliens and attempting to illegally place these unvetted aliens into all states and territories of America thereby jeopardizing the physical and financial welfare of us and our future generations; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government of the USA is deliberately aiding and abetting in the destruction of our great nation by the limiting of our rights, granted by God and codified in the Constitution of the United States of America, especially through erosion of our rights under the first and second amendments to the Constitution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the WYOMING REPUBLICAN PARTY does now and forever more endorse “LET’S GO BRANDON” and honor all those great Americans that have made the phrase ubiquitous at college gatherings, sporting events, and prominently, proudly displayed through this last bastion of freedom – the USA!