

I. Platform

A. Preamble

We the people of the Goshen County Republican Party believe that an American political party should clearly state those principles on which it relies for its purpose.

Goshen County Republicans believe that the future of our nation depends on meeting the challenges of the current age by reaffirming our allegiance to those principles that the founding fathers of our republic enumerated when they said, '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 to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...'

The people established our United States and Wyoming constitutions, which in turn established a federal government of limited and specifically enumerated powers, reserving all other powers to the states and the people.

B. Jobs and the Economy

1. Unreasonable Federal Policies and Treaties

The Goshen County Republican Party opposes federal policies and international treaties that inhibit the development of Wyoming's jobs and economy.

2. Right to Work

The Goshen County Republican Party opposes the unionization of public employees and supports the Right to Work Law.

3. Free Market

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that the economy should be encouraged by competitive free- markets, reducing and simplifying taxes, reducing regulations, and making laws simple and equitable.

4. Anti-Trust

The Goshen County Republican Party Support federal enforcement of existing anti- trust laws.

5. Low Taxes

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that Government at all levels must reduce taxes, simplify the tax code, and opposes the inheritance tax and the estate tax.

6. Local Hiring

The Goshen County Republican Party supports employing Wyoming residents for projects on which any tax revenues are expended. Wyoming public employees should be residents of the State of Wyoming.

7. Right to Contract

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that Government at all levels must not impair the right to contract.

8. Right of Employer to Determine Benefits

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that every employer has the right to decide the employee benefits provided.

C. Crime and Law

1. Constitution and Constitutional Interpretation

The Goshen County Republican Party supports strict interpretation of the constitution, the separation of powers between the three branches of government, state sovereignty and the constitutional right of judicial impeachment.

2. The U.S. Constitution

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that the Constitution of the United States is the highest law written by the hand of man, and as such it must be obeyed, supported, defended, enforced, and taught to all citizens and all public servants at all levels of government, without exception.

3. Commerce Clause

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that the ninth and tenth amendments to the United States Constitution supersede Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution and that the states and the people have the right and obligation to nullify laws that are outside the Constitution.

4. In God We Trust

The Goshen County Republican Party supports leaving the name of God on all government buildings, on our currency, the Pledge of Allegiance and traditional patriotic songs.

5. Limits of the Law

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that additional legislation and regulation do not necessarily improve liberty, enhance safety, or promote prosperity for the citizens and that the first duty of law makers at the local, county, state, and national levels is to determine the constitutionality of all proposed ordinances or laws before them for their consideration.

6. Responsibility for Safety

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that each citizen has the first right and responsibility for his own safety and protection, as well as the safety and protection of his family and property.

7. Obligation of Government

The Goshen County Republican Party believes it is the primary obligation of the state and local governments to protect the rights of its citizens.

8. Equal Rights for All

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that all people are created by God as equals and shall be treated as equals under the Rule of Law regardless of race, creed, sex, age, or disability.

D. Land, Agriculture, and Environment

1. Multiple Use

The Goshen County Republican Party supports multiple-use of federally administered lands.

2. Federal Lands

The Goshen County Republican Party supports reducing ownership and administration of land by the federal government, except as specifically provided for in the Constitution of the United States of America.

3. Food Freedom

The Goshen County Republican Party believes people have the fundamental right to consume foods and nutritional supplements both approved and non-approved by the USDA.

4. Accountability of Environmental Regulators

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that economic prosperity and environmental protection should advance together. Environmental regulations that limit use or value should be considered a taking.

5. EPA in Wyoming

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that the federal Environmental Protection Agency should have no control over the land, air, and water in Wyoming

6. Individual Property Rights

The Goshen County Republican Party supports the security of individual property rights.

7. State Control of Wildlife

The Goshen County Republican Party supports the management of wildlife in Wyoming by state law and/or agencies without federal interference.

8. Agriculture As a Vital Component of Wyoming Heritage

The Goshen County Republican Party recognizes agriculture as a vital component of our Wyoming heritage and that those who own ranch and farm lands are invested in the land and are the best caretakers of this vital resource. **We the people want to protect our strong Wyoming Water Law.**

E. Government and Budgets

1. Right to Carry a Concealed Personal Weapon

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that carrying a concealed personal weapon is a natural, Constitutionally protected right.

2. Government Spending

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that reducing government spending and eliminating unfunded mandates are the most effective methods for balancing the budget and that only in a time of genuine crisis, such as a declared war, should government be allowed to deficit spend and then only based upon the sales of debt (bonds) to pay in advance for such overspending.

3. Fiscal Responsibility

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that taxation at every level of Government must be restricted to the minimum amount necessary for Government to achieve the limited purposes for which it was established.

4. Federalism and Sovereignty

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that the State of Wyoming should stand resolute in support of its sovereignty against federal intrusion into the rights of Wyoming Citizens.

5. Eminent Domain

The Goshen County Republican Party opposes the taking of private property by means of eminent domain by inverse condemnation for anything other than public use and supports that annual compensation may be provided for such takings and must consider the loss of value through regulation as a compensable taking.

6. Prayer as Demonstration

The Goshen County Republican Party opposes the state policy which classifies public prayer in a state building as a demonstration that requires a permit.

7. Rule of Law

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that Government should operate within a predictable framework at all times under a Rule of Law denying Government arbitrary or capricious bureaucratic or administrative action.

8. Elimination of Agencies

The Goshen County Republican Party supports the elimination of the following departments and agencies of the Federal Government: The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Education and the Department of Energy, Centers for Disease Control.

F. Education

1. Competition

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that, since competition has benefited other aspects of society, it should be brought into education through school choice, including but not limited to vouchers, home schooling and private schools.

2. Language of Instruction

The Goshen County Republican Party recognizes English as the language of instruction in the Wyoming educational system.

3. Abolition of the Department of Education

The Goshen County Republican Party believes in the elimination of the United States Department of Education.

4. Responsibility for Education

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that no treaty shall be adopted, nor shall any source of international law be used to supersede, modify, interpret, or apply to limit the rights of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children.

5. Teaching about Sexuality

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that sex education is primarily the responsibility of parents so any sex education offered must include the parents and be optional and opposes any teaching or encouraging of homosexuality or any other alternative lifestyle in all public schools and opposes distribution of contraceptives in schools.

6. Teaching Historical Documents

The Goshen County Republican Party supports the teaching of the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the state of Wyoming, the Declaration of Independence, and other United States founding documents as well as the factual history and heritage of the United States in Wyoming schools and the historical evidence of the role of faith and biblical principles in the founding of our nation.

7. Merit Pay for Teachers

The Goshen County Republican Party supports a merit-pay system for teachers and supports an evaluation system for teacher accountability.

8. Role of Education

The Goshen County Republican Party believes in education that stresses goals, accountability, parental and local control and enhanced reading, science, and math skills, while also encouraging more flexibility for rural schools and special-needs children.

G. Health and Society

1. Drug Addiction as a Medical Issue

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that drug addiction should be treated as a medical issue.

2. Doctor-Patient Relationship

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that government has no place in the doctor-patient relationship.

3. Definition of Marriage

The Goshen County Republican Party believes marriage is a sacred institution ordained by God between one man and one woman. Legislature and courts have in the past, and can in the future, only recognize and define marriage as between one man and one woman. Re-definition of "Marriage" is impossible, as marriage precedes government and is not instituted or defined by mankind, nor does such jurisdiction exist to do such.

4. Right to Life

The Goshen County Republican Party asserts the inherent dignity and sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death.

5. Family as the Basic Building Block of Society

The Goshen County Republican Party believes in the sanctity of the family and that the family is the basic building block of society, and that the parents have the fundamental right and responsibility to rear, guide, discipline, provide for, and make medical decisions including choosing whether or not to vaccinate their children.

6. Free Market and Health Care

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that individual freedom, personal responsibility, and the discipline of the free market must be the basis for any health care system and that no government has the authority to compel or impose on citizens the obligation to purchase healthcare insurance and supports the right of Wyoming citizens to purchase health insurance across state lines.

7. Right to Refuse to Perform Abortions/Conscience Clause

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that any healthcare provider, including pharmacists, has the right to refuse to participate in an abortion procedure, including prescribed abortive drugs without occupational repercussions.

8. Welfare Reform

The Goshen County Republican Party supports reform and/or elimination of federal welfare programs which foster dependency on the government.

H. Immigration and Immigrants

1. Enforce Immigration Law

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that current federal laws on immigration must be enforced and if the federal government is unwilling to do so, that its enforcement shall fall to the state as defined by the United States Constitution.

2. Illegal Immigration; Amnesty; Government Benefits

The Goshen County Republican Party opposes any form of amnesty or government benefits for illegal immigrants or the governmental, or any other form, of relocation of illegal immigrants within the United States of America.

3. Legal Immigration

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that a country without borders ceases to be a sovereign country, and that we should secure and enforce the borders of the United States and supports legal immigration as it is one of the foundations of our country.

4. Voting Rights

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that only United States Citizens have the right to vote.

5. English as an Official Language

The Goshen County Republican Party believes English should be the official language of the state of Wyoming and the United States.

I. Energy

1. Energy Regulation

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that energy regulations should be reduced and simplified.

2. Energy Development

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that the development of America's and Wyoming's energy resources is best served by the private sector without government interference.

3. Energy Infrastructure

The Goshen County Republican Party believes in private development and construction of energy infrastructure.

4. The Goshen County Republican Party believes in energy independence for Wyoming and the United States of America.

J. Foreign Policy and Defense

1. War Powers Act

The Goshen County Republican Party believes the President and Congress should follow the War Powers Act.

2. Foreign Aid

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that we should substantially reduce or eliminate foreign aid and that no aid should be provided unless that nation has proven itself to be an ally of the United States.

3. United Nations and Sovereignty

The Goshen County Republican Party supports the withdrawal of United States funding for the United Nations and believes we should not relinquish any of the United States' sovereignty to the United Nations nor allow the United Nations to tax American citizens for any purpose including, but not limited to, Agenda 21 and/or One World Order.

4. Surrender of Sovereignty to International Organizations

The Goshen County Republican Party supports the sovereignty of the United States of America and believes we should not cede military, political or domestic power to the United Nations or any foreign entity and opposes using our military forces as an international police force without congressional approval and does not support nor promote foreign treaties or entanglements that infringe on the rights of United States of America citizens.

5. A Sufficient Military Budget

The Goshen County Republican Party believes in a budget necessary to carry out the mission of the United States Armed forces and support our active military, military veterans, and their families to include assurance of quality medical care.

6. Borders

The Goshen County Republican Party believes the federal government, as required by the United States Constitution, should defend our borders from all acts of illegal entry.

7. Nation Building

The Goshen County Republican Party believes that the United States should not be engaged in foreign nation-building but should maintain U.S. military bases on foreign soil only for U.S. strategic security interests.

8. Powell Doctrine

The Goshen County Republican Party believes the United States armed forces should not be committed to any armed conflict outside the boundaries of the United States without considering the principles of the "Powell Doctrine."

II. Conclusion

Upon these principles the Goshen County Republican Party stands. These are the principles of morality, liberty, law, society, education, free-enterprise, justice, and decency upon which this nation has prospered and to which this Goshen County Republican Party is committed.

Wyoming Republicans embrace these principles and expect our candidates to endorse and move forward these principles and thereby preserve, protect, and defend the Republic of which Wyoming is a sovereign partner.

We remind our elected and appointed officials that these are the terms under which they exercise the power which we have entrusted to them. With this knowledge, we place our fate and that of our state and nation in the hands of God so that the Creator of all may be with us in our battle to preserve this bastion for good which is America.

CERTIFICATION

We do hereby certify that we are respectively the County Chairman and County Secretary of the Goshen County Republican Party Central Committee, State of Wyoming. That the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Platforms of the Goshen County Republican Party, State of Wyoming, unanimously adopted at duly called and constituted Republican County Convention of Goshen County held in Torrington, Wyoming on the 19th day of March, 2022.

ATTEST:



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