

BENTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTIONS

Adopted at Benton County Republican Convention
March 26, 2016

Convention of States

Whereas, Congress has failed to institute needed constitutional revisions in the form of amendments to control the growth and power of the Federal Government; and

Whereas, the US Constitution provides for an alternate method of amending the Constitution in Article V; and

Whereas, the Federal Government has become bloated and assumed power over the states, which was never intended by the Founders; and

Whereas, the government that is closest to the people governs best; and

Whereas, the Convention of States agenda can be controlled and limited to a set of meaningful amendments; now therefore

Be it resolved that the Benton County Republicans urge the Washington State Republican Party to support the call for a Convention of States per Article V of the United States Constitution.

Submitted by Donna Rassat, Precinct 3102, 21 March 2016

Jury Duty and Care of Dependents

Whereas, the current Washington State jury duty system does not provide a temporary exemption or ongoing deferral for primary caregivers of dependent children and other dependents, but only a maximum two year deferral; and

Whereas, providing this dependent care unpaid offers substantial social good to the larger community; and

Whereas, those primary caregivers for whom this jury summons is an undue hardship currently have no other recourse besides showing up in court without the dependents in their care; and

Whereas, the comfort, safety and well-being of the children, elders, and other dependent citizens in their care can be compromised by forcing the primary caregivers to find temporary care for a day or a few weeks; and

Whereas, the number of years providing full-time care is usually a small chunk of one's adult-citizen life, and primary caregivers would not need removed from the potential jury pool permanently, and not all primary caregivers would need this concession; now therefore

Be it resolved that the Benton County Republicans urge the Washington State Republican Party to support a state law providing an optional ongoing deferral or temporary exemption from jury duty for primary caregivers as long as their full-time care is required.

Submitted by Amanda Alvine, Precinct 6155, 22 March 2016

Repeal the National Popular Vote (NPV) Bill

Whereas, Washington's congress passed and then Governor Christine Gregoire signed the NPV bill in 2009

Whereas, the NPV bill seeks to undermine the Electoral College set forth in the U.S. Constitution in the wisdom of our nation's founders

Whereas, the Benton County Republican Party platform values state sovereignty and the NPV bill removes state sovereignty from presidential election process

Whereas, the NPV bill would increase the power of vote stealing and other voter fraud

Whereas, the NPV bill would work in favor of the tyranny of the majority that the electoral college seeks to prevent

Be it resolved that the Benton County Republicans urge the Washington State Republican Party to support the repealing of the Nation Popular Vote bill.

Submitted by Clifford Luebben, Precinct 1670, 23 March 2016

Sharia Law

Whereas, Sharia Law is not compatible with the laws of the United States and individual states; and

Whereas, it is particularly incompatible when applied to women's rights, such as not being permitted to drive and designating how women should dress in public; now therefore

Be it resolved that the Benton County Republican Party affirm that the United States should never agree that citizens or permanent residents be permitted to practice Sharia Law rather than the laws of the United States and individual state governments.

Submitted by Mary DeLozier, Precinct 6150, 24 March 2016