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Republican Party of Sheboygan County

2016 Resolutions

2016-1 National Defense

WHEREAS, a strong defense is necessary to protect the rights of a free people; and
WHEREAS, the independence of our nation depends on the military being under United States command, exclusively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, endorses the following principles:

1. Our representatives stop President Obama, the commander in chief, from decimating the U. S. military and begin the rebuilding process with superior equipment and training.
2. U. S. military should be deployed only where there is a clear threat to vital U. S. interests.
3. Deployments can continue only with the consent of the U. S. Congress.
4. No branch of the military should be put in harm's way without a clear entrance and exit strategy and a goal, which when achieved, constitutes victory.
5. U. S. military personnel must always be under U. S. command.
6. U. S. military forces should be all-volunteer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our heartfelt gratitude and support to the men and women serving in our armed forces, and to their families waiting at home.

WHEREAS, a secure communications network and power grid is vital for our national security,
BE IT RESOLVED that the president move quickly to address problems relating to cyber security and security of our power grid.

2016-2 Individual Rights and Responsibilities

2016-2a Law Enforcement

WHEREAS, individual rights depend on the consistent enforcement of a limited number of clearly defined laws, and

WHEREAS, members of local law enforcement serve daily on the front lines in defense of these rights,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, expresses our appreciation and support for members of local law enforcement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose all efforts to federalize local law enforcement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose the inconsistent application of laws, ordinances, and executive orders that is making law enforcement difficult and is destroying respect for the law.

WHEREAS, riots and looting are destructive to the rule of law, which is the basis for a free society,

BE IT RESOLVED that our law enforcement take whatever steps necessary to control mobs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal and state legislation be enacted to protect police officers from criminal prosecution or financial penalties when they take action to confront looters and rioters.

WHEREAS, various domestic and international groups are using civil disorder and terrorist tactics to destabilize our free society,

BE IT RESOLVED that profiling again be used as a tool by local and federal law enforcement, such as the DHS, to safeguard our neighborhoods and transportation system.

2016-2b Free Speech

WHEREAS, the first amendment clearly protects political speech, and
WHEREAS, many campaign finance laws violate the intent of the constitution,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, asks that contributions to political campaigns be unlimited as long as they are made by citizens and organizations of US origin.

WHEREAS, records of their campaign contributions have been used to intimidate individuals,
BE IT RESOLVED that only political contributions of businesses, unions, and lobbying groups remain transparent.

WHEREAS, the administration in Washington, through the IRS, and the state through its John Doe investigations, have used campaign finance laws to silence political opposition,
BE IT RESOLVED that we condemn these attempts by the federal and state governments to limit or regulate free political speech, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend our Wisconsin Republican legislators for rewriting the John Doe Law to protect Wisconsin citizens from the harassment of secret investigations, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those responsible for violating the free speech rights of our citizens through intimidation and harassment be themselves criminally prosecuted and that the taxpayers not bear the cost of their legal defense.

WHEREAS, our public universities are called to promote, not violate, the constitutional rights of their students, and
WHEREAS, speech codes regarding “hate speech” on university campuses can be used to stifle a diversity of opinions and violate the first amendment rights of students,
BE IT RESOLVED that that our public universities ban all speech codes that limit freedom of expression and place no restrictions on political speech outside the classroom.

WHEREAS, oppressive regimes around the world attempt to limit the free speech of their citizens, and
WHEREAS, an open internet promotes political freedom and economic prosperity in this country and around the world,
BE IT RESOLVED that the United States maintain guardianship of a free and unregulated internet, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that internet content not fall under the jurisdiction of any government, including our own, and that no agency of this government be allowed to regulate the content of the internet in the guise of national security concerns, copyright enforcement, or the enforcement of any government’s version of neutrality.

2016-2c To Keep and Bear Arms

WHEREAS, the second amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects the right of all law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, affirms the individual right to keep and bear firearms by law-abiding citizens without a felony record be upheld, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose further restrictions and licensing and favor constitutional rights to carry arms that would restore to Wisconsin citizens their full and natural second amendment rights, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all laws, regulations, licensing, permits, fees, and taxes on

firearms and ammunition and the gathering of data on firearms owners be vehemently opposed by our elected officials as restrictions on our second amendment rights, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no state or municipality be permitted to deny their citizens this constitutional right, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adult citizens not lose their second amendment rights while on the campus of any public university.

2016-2d Unreasonable Search and Seizure

WHEREAS, the fourth amendment to the United States Constitution declares that “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, executive orders and administrative rules allow federal agencies to monitor law-abiding citizens within United States boundaries without state or local law enforcement knowledge,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, reaffirm the fourth amendment to the United States Constitution which prohibits the federal government from searching and seizing telephone records and monitoring citizens without a warrant based on probable cause.

2016-2e Private Property

WHEREAS, eminent domain is being used by local and federal governments in violation of the Fifth Amendment to steal property from citizens for the purpose of private development,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, calls on government at every level to halt the use of eminent domain for private development.

WHEREAS, various international climate accords and United Nations decisions may violate our national sovereignty and the property rights of our citizens,
BE IT RESOLVED that Congress reject any agreement that threatens our national sovereignty and the private property rights of our citizens.

WHEREAS, federal, state, and local agencies have eroded the property rights of our citizens,
BE IT RESOLVED that all local, state, and federal laws, taxes, regulations, or devices that are in conflict with a citizen’s right to private property be dismantled, particularly attempts by the EPA and HUD to dictate the use of private property.

2016-2f Economic Freedom

WHEREAS, economic freedom is necessary to maintain a vibrant economy and to provide maximum opportunity to all Americans,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, call upon government at every level to reduce or end subsidies, unproductive regulations, prevailing wage laws, minimum wage laws, and forced unionization in order to advance a business and job-friendly environment and produce competitively priced products for commerce, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose all regulations, subsidies, or carve outs that favor any particular business establishment, industry group, labor group, or individual over another.

2016-2g Freedom in the Workplace

WHEREAS, laws favoring unions infringe upon the rights of workers, employers, and taxpayers through forced unionization, mandatory dues, non-competitive bidding, discrimination against non-union shops and their workers, and higher taxes, and

WHEREAS, forced dues has created the means for unions to fund their collectivist agenda, which conflicts with the moral, ethical, and philosophical standards that keep our country free

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, commends our legislators for passing and our governor for signing "Right to Work" legislation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon our state legislators and our governor to rescind the remaining state Prevailing Wage laws for any state funded project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon our federal legislators to oppose the Davis-Bacon Law and Project Labor Agreements for any federally funded project.

WHEREAS, there are public employees who do not benefit from Act 10 or the recently enacted Right to Work law;

BE IT RESOLVED that our state legislators and our governor must free police and firemen from the burden of forced unionization and mandatory dues.

WHEREAS, the denial of a secret ballot in union elections can be a source of intimidation,

BE IT RESOLVED that we enact and/or enforce legislation to require a secret ballot in all union elections.

WHEREAS minimum wage is economically disastrous, especially to entry level employees, and

WHEREAS unions are now successfully encouraging states and municipalities to institute minimum wage but carving out exceptions for unionized businesses, thus forcing unionization in order to be competitive and paying sub-minimum wages to unionized workers,

BE IT RESOLVED that our legislators work to undo all minimum wage laws.

2016-2h Free Market Utilization of Natural Resources

WHEREAS, a sensible energy policy is dependent on the free market utilization of the wide variety of natural resources that are available in our country and throughout the world,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, support greater exploration and development of all natural resources within our country by the free market. This includes the development of the Keystone Pipeline and the continued development of energy resources through hydraulic fracturing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose any government subsidies or mandates, including subsidies for energy production and renewable energy sources on private or public lands, including those for ethanol and the installation of industrial wind turbines and solar panels, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the EPA adhere to our environmental laws as written,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that mandatory use of gasoline blends be based upon reasonable standards and demonstrable science, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all development of our natural resources must be done with the utmost regard for the environment and returning the land to its natural state upon completion of the project.

WHEREAS, recent research regarding the relationship between CO2 and climate change is not settled,

BE IT RESOLVED that we oppose Cap and Trade or any other attempt to limit carbon emissions by legislative or administrative fiat.

2016-2i Health Care

WHEREAS, the federal “Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care for America Act” aka “Obama Care” passed in December 2009 represents a gross overreach of federal authority by mandating to citizens what they must purchase, and

WHEREAS, Obama Care was sold to the American public by the use of outright lies perpetrated by President Obama, his staff and his consultants, and

WHEREAS, said act has already driven up the cost of health care rather than lower costs, and

WHEREAS, Obama Care has created chaos in the health care industry,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, urge our legislators to replace Obama Care with free market solutions to reduce costs and encourage individual responsibility, such as Health Savings Accounts, tort reform, transparency in costs, and the deregulation of the interstate health care market.

WHEREAS, the FDA’s slow approval of new drugs is denying terminally ill people access to the results of most recent research,

BE IT RESOLVED that our legislators immediately enact “right to try” legislation.

2016-3 State Responsibilities

2016-3a State and Individual Sovereignty

WHEREAS, “powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or the people,”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, urges our state representatives and attorney general to reject unconstitutional federal programs and their funding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our US Senators and US Congressmen oppose and work to phase out all legislation and federal agencies that unconstitutionally infringe on the power of the states, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federally administered lands, wherever possible, be transferred to state administration.

2016-3b Social Security and Medicare

WHEREAS, Social Security and Medicare are in violation of the strict interpretation of the 10th Amendment of the constitution, and

WHEREAS, the federal government does not have the discipline to responsibly manage Social Security and Medicare and will eventually lead us into bankruptcy or some other unwelcome consequence,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, urges Congress to consider all options necessary to make these sustainable programs, including devolving the entire Social Security/Medicare system and the employment tax collection needed for funding to the fifty states and the other territories served by the system.

2016-3c Border Security

WHEREAS, the federal system of border security is in complete disarray,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, encourage the states to take whatever action they deem necessary to protect the lives and livelihoods of their citizens from illegal incursions of individuals and organizations into their state.

2016-4 Cultural

2016-4a Sanctity of Human Life

WHEREAS, human life begins at conception,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, calls us to protect the lives of the unborn, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no tax dollars be spent to support any organization that provides abortions.

WHEREAS, no one should be required to compromise their religious beliefs in the course of doing their job unless their beliefs include physical threats,
BE IT RESOLVED that our health professionals not be forced to undertake procedures that violate their religious or moral beliefs through the threat of discrimination or employment termination.

2016-4b Traditional Family

WHEREAS, the traditional family is the most important building block for a stable and moral society, and
WHEREAS, the traditional family is defined as marriage between a man and a woman,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, favors laws that encourage traditional marriage and oppose those that discourage traditional marriage, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that curriculum relating to human growth and development must reflect the values of local school district parents and guardians, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that parental consent be required prior to the dissemination of contraceptives, medications, and procedures to minors through government programs.

WHEREAS, dependency on federal and state government handouts has created a culture where single parenting is replacing the traditional family,
BE IT RESOLVED that our federal and state governments cut back or eliminate programs that provide financial incentives for single parenting, and thus pass responsibility to the other parent, family members, and the local community churches and organizations and local government bodies to provide aid, if needed.

2016-4c Education

WHEREAS, parents have the fundamental responsibility to educate their children and provide for their moral guidance, and
WHEREAS, the competitive free market system has proven to be the most efficient engine with which to provide goods and services,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, endorse all forms of schooling including locally controlled public and charter schools, virtual schools, home schools, and private schools supported by vouchers and tax credits.

WHEREAS, K-12 education is the primary responsibility of parents, not the state or federal governments,
BE IT RESOLVED that decisions relating both to the curriculum and the operation of local schools be made by local school boards where parents can have maximum input, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal Department of Education be eliminated and its function replaced by state departments of education.

WHEREAS, we believe in personal responsibility, and
WHEREAS, government programs are inherently wasteful and slow to respond to individual needs,
BE IT RESOLVED that the state and federal governments and our schools should be taking on less responsibility for the personal needs of children, not more.

WHEREAS, our public universities for the most part have become highly partisan political enclaves that promote both in their teaching and practice a collectivist ideology hostile to the principles of individual liberty as expressed by the Constitution of the US and espoused by the Republican party,
BE IT RESOLVED that the UW Board of Regents and the administration of our public universities address this lack of political, philosophical, and religious diversity among its teaching staff.

WHEREAS, federally subsidized student loans have served to drive up the costs of higher education and saddled students with ever increasing amounts of debt,
BE IT RESOLVED that government end its involvement in financing and subsidizing student loans and to let market forces bring the cost of education in line with the ability of students to pay, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose programs that transfer the burden of paying for post-secondary education from the student to the taxpayer.

2016-5 Executive Branch Responsibilities

WHEREAS, the role of the executive branch of the Federal Government is to implement the laws of Congress, and
WHEREAS, the Constitutional authority of the legislative branch has been usurped by the executive and judicial branches and administrative agencies,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, condemn the actions of the executive branch of the federal government for its flagrant disregard for the rule of law, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we condemn all unconstitutional actions, such as “presidential amnesty,” and law changes masquerading as enforcement policies, either by the president or the administrative agencies.

WHEREAS, the US is dedicated to the principle that justice is blind and that all citizens are equal under the law, and
WHEREAS, the principle of “disparate impact” holds that the law must be enforced differently from group to group, and
WHEREAS, the concept of “disparate impact” has served to politicize law enforcement by requiring criminal and civil laws to be administered based on their effect on one politically protected group or another,
BE IT RESOLVED that any use of “disparate impact” in determining civil or criminal outcomes be banned by the DOJ and all state and local law enforcement.

WHEREAS, the people of the Ukraine yearn to be free and continue to resist the totalitarian empirical designs of the Russian state,
BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage the administration to generously provide the armaments needed to protect Ukraine from outside interference of Russia.

WHEREAS, the forces of radical Islam are engaging in genocide against Christian minorities in Syria and elsewhere,

BE IT RESOLVED that the administration take special steps to protect those being targeted for genocide without opening our doors to everyone facing economic or political chaos, which sadly is common to much of the world.

2016-6 Legislative Branch Responsibilities

2016-6a Spending Discipline

WHEREAS, the Congress is responsible for all spending, and
WHEREAS, a high level of debt ultimately will enslave the next generation,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, urges our federal representatives to propose legislation which would provide a “sunset” for all such non-constitutionally enumerated agencies and departments, e.g., Dept. of Education, EPA, HHS, OSHA, Homeland Security, Dept. of Energy, NLRB, etc., and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our representatives in government cut unnecessary programs, unneeded regulation, excessive wages and benefits of government employees, and unnecessary foreign aid; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the baseline budgeting be replaced by zero based budgeting; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress use its power of the purse to deny funding for any executive order of questionable constitutionality, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress use every tool available in its negotiation with the president, including shutting down the government or impeachment.

2016-6b Tax Legislation

WHEREAS, some of the highest corporate taxes in the developed world have driven business off shore and corrupted our political system by making business dependent on special tax breaks, corporate carve outs, and the arbitrary decisions of unaccountable administrative agencies,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, calls on our federal representatives to support legislation to revise the tax code in order to bring business taxes in line or lower than those of other developed countries.

WHEREAS, our personal income tax system is in dire need of reform,
BE IT RESOLVED that our convoluted and corrupt tax system be replaced with a flat tax or a consumption tax that will simplify the tax code and serve to reduce the arbitrary power of the IRS, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we prefer no exemptions be included in tax calculations.

2016-6c Immigration Legislation

WHEREAS, current immigration policy encourages the massive movement of illegal immigrants across our borders resulting in terrorist threats, illegal voting, increased government spending, and a large underground economy that is reliant on the labor of illegal immigrants,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled, urges our federal representatives to propose legislation to reform immigration policy one element at a time, not as a single comprehensive bill, with the first step being to control the border, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any person, government, or business that knowingly harbors or employs illegal immigrants should be punished.

WHEREAS, we need a flow of legal immigrants in order to satisfy our needs for labor and maintain our competitive technological edge,

BE IT RESOLVED that our federal representatives propose legislation to streamline the legal process for citizenship while closing the path to citizenship for those who enter the country illegally.

WHEREAS, a generous safety net of government benefits makes this country an immigration magnet for most of the world,

BE IT RESOLVED that our federal and state representatives deny benefits including driver's licenses, subsidized medical services, in-state tuition, and mortgage subsidies to persons who are in the United States illegally.

WHEREAS, the fourteenth amendment was meant to naturalize formerly enslaved individuals and was never intended to include the offspring of immigrants who illegally crossed the borders of their own will,

BE IT RESOLVED that our legislatures and courts revisit the rulings that children born of those entering the United States illegally become US citizens.

WHEREAS, a common language will help to unify a very diverse nation,

BE IT RESOLVED that English be declared the official language of the US.

2016-7 Resolution requesting Wisconsin Legislature to call for an Article V convention of the states to propose term limits for members of congress and limit the power of the Supreme Court.

WHEREAS, the President, along with much of his administration, is repeatedly acting beyond his constitutionally-given powers, and

WHEREAS, the Congress has not reigned in the Administration nor has it held anybody within the Administration responsible for abuses of power, and

WHEREAS, in the recent Congressional Elections, Americans have sent many more Republicans to Congress to stop the cooperation with the lawless Administration, and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Leadership of both parties works behind the scenes with the Administration and with each other to force the funding of the Administration's lawlessness through urgent floor votes on thousand page Continuing Resolutions, and

WHEREAS, the most recent Continuing Resolution provided full funding for Obamacare, the President's illegal "amnesty", and Planned Parenthood, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court can no longer be counted upon to properly interpret the Constitution nor to protect the rights of the States or individual American citizens, and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution states: "The

Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof , as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.",
and

WHEREAS, the federal government is not going to reform itself in any meaningful way, and
WHEREAS the States need to be proactive in reforming the federal government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican party of Sheboygan County, in caucus assembled urges our state legislators to join with the many other States and call for a Convention of the States to propose Amendments for ratification by three-fourths of the States.