

Larimer County Republican Party Assembly
March 24, 2018
Resolutions

Right to Life

1. WHEREAS, in the spirit of America's founding document, the Declaration of Independence, that affirmed the self-evident truth that all men "...are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights and among these are life...", and

WHEREAS, we affirm that every human being from conception to natural death, has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed; and,

WHEREAS, in the tradition of our founding Fathers in an effort to once again secure the right to life;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican County Party endorses legislation to make clear that the 14th Amendment's protections apply to unborn children and those protections also apply regardless of size, age, illness, intellectual capacity or physical ability; that we oppose using public revenues for abortion and for the cloning of, or destructive experimentation on, any human being, from the single-celled stage until natural death, and will not fund organizations which advocate for abortion; and we support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life, and we commend those who provide life-affirming alternatives to abortion and assisted suicide (physician prescribed death) or euthanasia.

2. WHEREAS, many citizens live with the firmly held belief that abortion kills a living human being; and,

WHEREAS, citizens who are engaged in the health professions are being forced to choose between following their conscience or continuing to be engaged in their respective health professions, e.g., nursing and as physicians; and,

WHEREAS, forcing citizens to elect between practice in the helping professions and engaging in actions found morally reprehensible violates such citizens' consciences;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party endorse action by the Colorado General assembly to adopt a resolution calling upon the United States Congress to adopt HR 644, the Conscience Protection Act in connection with the funding of appropriations as initially authorized by the United States House. Be it further resolved that no law adopted by the United States Congress providing for the funding of medical care or health insurance shall mandate participation by any medical professional in medical or surgical abortion procedures when such violate the conscience of the medical provider.

3. WHEREAS, a majority of American citizens accept the scientific fact that human life begins at the moment of conception and, accordingly, abortion kills a nascent human being; and,

WHEREAS, human dignity and compassion recognize that an innocent, human being has the right to live and not to have his or her life terminated without Constitutionally endowed Due Process;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party call upon the United States Congress to reconsider and to adopt SB 231, the Life at Conception Act. Be it further resolved that, without regard to the determination of the United States Congress on SB 231, the Colorado Legislature adopt an Act of similar content protecting human life from the time of conception.

Repeal the Federal Gas Tax

4. WHEREAS, each state knows more and cares about its own transportation needs, and,

WHEREAS, states would spend their own revenue more responsibly than 'free' federal funds, and,

WHEREAS, reducing layers of bureaucracy also reduces cost,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party work to eliminate the federal gas tax and empower states to build and maintain their own roads.

Article V Convention of the States

5. WHEREAS, the Founders of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the Federal Government, and the Federal Government has usurped the power and authority of the states; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and,

WHEREAS, these politicians are unlikely to impose limitations on themselves,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party encourage the Colorado General Assembly to adopt a resolution calling for a convention of the states under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, restricted to proposing amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and impose term limits on its officials and members of congress.

Moral Character and Principles

6. WHEREAS, conservative principles are most productive for the welfare, security and economy in America, and,

WHEREAS, moral character is paramount in the operation of government, schools and industry, and,

WHEREAS, a Judeo-Christian foundation and public recognition is paramount too preserve our freedoms and standing in the world,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party will submit for election and elect individuals that exemplify these values.

Hydroelectric Power

7. WHEREAS, lowering the cost of electricity in Colorado would benefit the citizens individually, existing businesses and would attract new businesses to our area; and,

WHEREAS, our mountainous terrain and rain/snowfall provides us with outstanding hydroelectric resources; and,

WHEREAS, when driving and hiking through our mountains, you see reservoirs scattered all over – 95% without a hydropower facility; and,

WHEREAS, most of those dams were built when the price of gasoline was around \$0.30 per gallon, so hydropower didn't make economic sense, but now it does; and,

WHEREAS, adding standardized, siphon style hydroelectric equipment to those existing dams would be relatively inexpensive – the dam is the big expense; and,

WHEREAS, currently the Colorado Governor's Energy Office estimates Colorado generates 3% of our annual power using hydroelectric; and,

WHEREAS, the U. S. generates 10% of its electricity with hydroelectric, which is 86% of all current renewable power, while the world gets 19% of its electricity from hydropower; and,

WHEREAS, having power turbines on the dams would encourage keeping a steady flow in the streams leaving these dams, which is good for fishermen and the environment along those streams; and,

WHEREAS, this concept has been applied in the country of Norway, which is similar to Colorado in size and topography, resulting in their generating 99% of their electricity with hydroelectric installations; and,

WHEREAS, with our mountain reservoir elevation gain, in Colorado we should be focusing on hydroelectric energy ...it's low-hanging fruit,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party does support and encourage the state government to explore this concept, with a motivation to make Colorado a better place to live and work for ourselves and generations to come.

Traditional Marriage

8. WHEREAS, our Creator, who endowed all people with certain unalienable rights, also established the union of one man and one woman as the first and most essential in society; and,

WHEREAS, throughout human history, the family of one man, one woman, and their children has been the core social unit of healthy and flourishing cultures with fiscal and child welfare benefits; and,

WHEREAS, recently, there have been serious attempts to change the traditional definition of marriage through legislation and judicial action;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party upholds the God given definition of marriage as being the legal union of one man to one woman; and further, that the Republican Party support a Federal Marriage Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Limiting Immigration

9. WHEREAS, immigration, both legal and illegal, totals the most it ever has in our nation's history, accounting for two-thirds of our population growth, and

WHEREAS, the United States has long been completely settled, has not increased its territory in over a century, and has a society and economy based on abundant room and resources for its citizens, and

WHEREAS, immigration is a major contributor to poverty, lowered wages, poor school performance, high spending on social programs, housing affordability, and congestion,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party advocates an immigration policy that puts the interests of U. S. citizens ahead of those of foreigners by limiting total annual immigration (legal plus illegal) to 300,000 persons selected by their value to and compatibility with the United States, mandates all employers verify the eligibility of their hires, implements a biometric visa entry/exit system, denies all but emergency government benefits to those who cannot prove legal residency, and never gives citizenship to those who entered illegally or overstayed their visa.

Freedom of Religion

10. WHEREAS, as stated in the 1st Amendment to the Constitution, Congress shall make no law regarding the establishment of religion or prohibition of the free exercise thereof; and,

WHEREAS, there is nothing in the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution of the United States affirming the modern idea of separation of church and state; and,

WHEREAS, in George Washington's Farewell Address he stated his feelings of national morality and religious principles are the foundations of a free government; and,

WHEREAS, most of our Founding Fathers believed that religious principles bring about morality and self-control in a society; and,

WHEREAS, the 'separation of church and state' phrase did not appear until Thomas Jefferson's letter to the Danbury Connecticut Baptists Association in their concern over a law about Christian sect being the official religion of that town; and,

WHEREAS, in Reynolds v U. S., 1878 the Supreme Court summarized Jefferson's meaning of 'separation of church and state' the rightful purpose of civil government are for its officers to interfere only when religious principles break out into overt acts against peace and good order; and in Commonwealth v Nesbit, 1859 the Supreme Court identified those actions into which the government had legitimate reason to intrude, but in orthodox religious practices the government was not to interfere; and,

WHEREAS, today court are restricting our religious freedoms;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Larimer County Republican Party, affirms the 1st Amendment to the Constitution concerning religion and thereby reject the modern idea and practices of separation of church and state, that government should not restrict the freedom to exercise one religion; and, we support an amendment to the U. S. Constitution reaffirming this and restricting the courts from infringing on that freedom to exercise our religion in the public arena.

Establish a Carbon Tax

11. WHEREAS, the production, importation, processing, transportation and consumption of fossil fuels has serious costs not borne by those directly involved in these activities; external costs such as air and water pollution that affect public health, military interventions to assure supplies, and global warming that disrupts the hydrological cycle and agricultural production; and,

WHEREAS, renewable energy technologies that have much lower external costs are at the point where they can or soon will be able to replace fossil fuels if all external costs are fairly accounted for, and,

WHEREAS, the market, not a government agency, is the best way to decide which renewable technologies replace which fossil fuels in which applications and when,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party supports legislation to establish a national tax on carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions at a rate that pays for the external costs of fossil fuels while reducing personal and business income taxes by the amount thereby collected.

Honor Ordinance of 1787 Regarding Education

12. WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence makes our freedoms and liberty dependent on creation and a Creator, and to support that, government is instituted and exists; and,

WHEREAS, the founding documents of America make it clear that the inclusion of Judeo/Christian education was a requirement of all education in the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, every state constitution including Colorado's requires, for civil and religious liberty, article 3, sentence 1 of the Ordinance of 1787 be honored. Article 3, sentence 1 of the ordinance states "religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of instruction shall forever be encouraged",

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party support that foundational law and court rulings shall be reinstated and followed in all education in the state of Colorado as required by original law and the Judeo/Christian world view, morals, ethics, and values shall once again be taught in all education and means of instruction as original law requires.

Increase Taxes to Reduce Federal Debt

13. WHEREAS, there is a limit to the size of the government deficit that an economy can sustain, and,

WHEREAS, the Republican Party has long identified itself as the party of fiscal responsibility and deficit reduction, and,

WHEREAS, in the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 the Republican Congress and President abandoned fiscal responsibility by creating record deficits during a time of prosperity,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party advocates that, while retaining the reforms of said Act, Congress scale up federal tax rates to put the federal deficit on a declining trajectory.

Protect the 2nd Amendment

14. WHEREAS, the right to self-defense is a natural right and a civil right of great importance; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America guarantees the right of the individual citizen to keep and bear arms in the Second Amendment, which states; "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 U.S. Supreme Court found in February 1990 in US vs Verdugo-Urquidez that the people referred to in the First, Second, Fourth, Ninth and Tenth Amendments are a class of persons who are part of the national community, thereby refuting the argument that the Second Amendment acknowledges rights only of a regulated militia, and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Colorado guarantees the right of the individual citizen to keep and bear arms in Article II, Section 13, which states; "The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called in to question: but nothing herein contained shall be construed to justify the practice of carrying concealed weapons"; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican Party is concerned with the safety of all citizens and especially the safety of minorities, women and the elderly, who suffer most from criminal assault; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Colorado and the councils of several of its cities have experienced overwhelming citizen opposition to firearms control legislation considered in the last several years;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party re-affirms the right of all peaceable and law abiding individual citizens to keep and bear arms of their choice without any degree of prior restraint.

15. WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers recognized our God-given right to keep and bear arms in the Bill of Rights; and,

WHEREAS, the Colorado Constitution also recognized that right; and,

WHEREAS, any gun controls which infringe on the ability of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms have no place in a free society; therefore,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Larimer County Republican Party urges all Republican candidates and elected officials to repeal the Magazine Ban, the Brady Registration System, and all gun controls which infringe upon the right of all peaceable and law-abiding individual citizens to keep and bear arms of their choice without any degree of restraint, and further urges the Republican Party to only support candidates who stand for our 2nd Amendment freedoms.