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Iowa State Republican Platform

PREAMBLE As Republicans, we uphold the principles of individual responsibility and liberty, adherence to traditional moral standards, a strong national defense, a free enterprise system, equal rights for all, respect for the sanctity of human life, and freedom of religion and the free exercise thereof. We believe in retaining the original intent of our Constitution. We believe high moral character is a necessity for public servants. The highest standard of character should be embodied in both private and public life. We encourage the proliferation of these principles and their passage to future generations.

PLATFORM PRINCIPLES The following are the fundamental principles that make up the platform of the Republican Party of Iowa.

I. Our Nation is a Constitutional Republic whose Foundation is the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

We acknowledge our rights derive from God, our Creator, and are therefore unalienable and include Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness (e.g. private property). Further, the Right to Life shall be understood to include all innocent people from conception to natural death. We are a nation governed by people elected to public office that are sent to represent us, the citizens. Our Constitution provides limits to governmental power, explicitly details our fundamental rights and ensures that only the enumerated powers contained within the Constitution are executed by the federal government. All other functions of government are left to the state and local governments.

II. We are a Sovereign Nation. We are a Sovereign Nation with defined borders, governed by a set of laws determined by our representatives, guided by our Constitution and protected by a military strong enough to defend our nation and its interests.

III. The Oath of Office of all civil servants, elected and employed, should guide their actions. As citizens, we demand that our elected officials take their office and its duties and responsibilities to us, our country and our Constitution seriously and act in accordance with their individual Oaths of Office. Elected officials and candidates for public office are expected to act, vote, and campaign in substantial alignment with the Platform if they are to receive endorsement and/or financial support from the Republican Party.

IV. Fiscal Responsibility is a fundamental function of any local, state or federal entity. It is a fundamental expectation that government entities act in a financially responsible manner; it follows that limiting the size and scope of government is a necessary component of achieving this end.

V. Personal Responsibility is the primary duty of all citizens. We are a nation of individuals held together by a common vision. We are not servants of the government; we are not dependent on the benevolence of society for our survival. Our possibilities are limitless where a free market is allowed to operate without government distortion; they should not be limited by our local, state and federal government. We are citizens of our country. We believe in the principle of meritocracy. We as individuals are responsible for our successes and failures.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES This section enumerates what we Republicans of Iowa identify as the legislative priorities and stances for our elected representatives.

Life

1. We believe that life begins at conception and must be protected to natural death. We believe all such issues protecting the right to life belong under the constitutional authority of the state, and not the federal government.
2. We oppose using public revenues for abortion or funding organizations which advocate it. We commend and support those who provide alternatives to abortion by meeting the needs of mothers and offering adoption services.
3. We oppose the non-consensual withholding of care for all people just as we oppose euthanasia, assisted suicide, and misuse of palliative care.
4. We support non-embryonic stem cell research, such as promoting the use of adult stem cells.
5. We oppose human cloning and the use of aborted fetal or aborted perinatal tissue. We strongly urge that the 2002 human cloning ban, which was repealed in the 2007 Iowa legislature, be reinstated.
6. We support a Protect Life Amendment to the Iowa constitution.
7. Although opposing abortion, we support a "right to know law" for mothers and fathers who are seeking an abortion.

Liberty

1. We call for the repeal of sexual orientation and gender identity as a protected class in the Iowa Civil Rights Code and reject any additional similar legislation to Local, State or National Code.
2. We support the 1st Amendment to allow prayer in Public Schools and Public Places.
3. We believe that parents are responsible for their children, and we support the rights of parents to be the ultimate authority for the discipline, protection, medical and mental health decisions, and education of their children. The educational funding shall follow the student regardless of educational choice.
4. We support "Conscience Clause" legislation so that no person, business, or organization can be penalized for its exercise of religious freedom by not providing services that violates their religious beliefs.
5. We oppose all efforts of school districts, libraries, and public places regarding the sexual indoctrination of children including but not limited to the distribution of pornographic and obscene materials, teaching on gender identity and sexual orientation, or promoting sexual deviancies.
6. We believe that voting rights should be restored statutorily rather than by Executive determination.
7. We oppose gun-free zones, and we call for gun-free zone liability laws, and allowance to special insurance coverage options for schools.
8. We demand Iowa DNR respect the 4th Amendment. They shall have legal probable cause, and/or a search warrant to be on private property.
9. We recognize only two biological sexes, male (XY) and female (XX). Biological sex at birth shall determine one's participation in or use of restrooms, locker rooms, sports teams or other such accommodations or institutions. We support the original intent of Title IX.
10. We oppose all mandates or coercive activity on the part of any external entity related to medical intervention for individuals or their children. Medical decisions are an inalienable natural right, and medical information should not be stored or shared without explicit consent of the individual or guardian.
11. We support health care providers' rights to prescribe or recommend treatment or therapy in accordance with their Hippocratic oath without interference or threat to their medical license.
12. We support legislation to eliminate asset seizure without a criminal charge and forfeitures without conviction of a crime.
13. We support the termination of all Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) instructions, propoganda, and indoctrination in government schools and educational systems. Any educator or administrator attempting to indoctrinate the minds of students (through DEI) shall be prosecuted.

14. We oppose Red Flag Laws.
15. We are strongly opposed to Agenda 2030, and or the Great Reset that will control our food supply.
16. We support making illegal image-based sexual abuse, including but not limited to human-created and AI-generated images and video of people without their consent and any such sexualized content that contains minors.
17. We believe that traditional, two parent (one male (XY) and one female (XX)), marriage-based families are the foundation to a stable, enduring, and healthy civilization. We encourage the repeal of any laws allowing any marriage that is not between one natural man and one natural woman.
18. We strongly support the constitutionally protected natural right of individuals to keep and bear arms, and we oppose the repeal of existing laws that infringe upon those rights.

Property

1. We support legislation requiring all regulations by all government agencies (e.g. EPA, Dept. of Ag, Dept. of Interior, etc.) relating to private property and the public good receive congressional authorization prior to their implementation.
2. We support the right of property owners to vote on bond issues in any district where they pay property tax whether a resident of the district or not.
3. We support laws prohibiting ownership of United States farmland, property, or other assets by foreign governments or entities controlled by such.
4. We believe anyone moving into or already living in areas zoned previously for a particular use be prohibited from filing "nuisance lawsuits" which are antagonistic to such zoning if defendants are in compliance with all governing laws.
5. All government fees assessed must be passed by the duly elected governmental body.
6. We oppose government using eminent domain to take private property away from the owner for the use of another private party, or for-profit entity.
7. We support holding alternative energy producers to the same land use standards as carbon-based producers, and that when energy production ceases at a site, producers shall return the land to its original condition or as near as possible. We do not support tax subsidies for alternative energy sources.
8. We demand the end of property tax.
9. Laws should only be enacted, adjusted, or interpreted in the interest of protecting or expanding personal property rights and individual liberties.
10. There should be a legal distinction made between "legitimate tenant's", and "squatter's rights"; Squatter's rights should be eliminated.

National Sovereignty & Defense

1. We support immediate passage of H.R. 2 including legal immigration based on the merit System, common sense improvements to our immigration process (including ending chain migration and the lottery visa), strict enforcement of our current immigration laws, no government benefits for illegal aliens, and securing of our borders including a wall where needed. We oppose amnesty for any illegal alien.
2. We reaffirm our commitment to the State of Israel's right to exist as a sovereign nation.
3. Agreements with foreign nations should only be done by treaty and subject to the approval of Congress.
4. We assert that bequeathing citizenship to babies born to non-citizens in the United States is a misinterpretation of the 14th amendment. U.S. citizenship shall not be afforded to a child born in the U.S. to undocumented parents.
5. We support appropriation of money to harden the U.S. electrical grid and broadband infrastructure to protect it from being destroyed by either natural or nuclear weapon induced EMP and cyber attacks.
6. We support a free, open choice and efficient healthcare and medication voucher system for veterans.
7. We support terminating government funding and tax-exempt status for entities that do not enforce federal immigration laws.
8. We support Employment of Unauthorized Aliens Bill (SF 339), E-Verify, and the I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification form being required for all Iowa employers.
9. We oppose funding for any political, agricultural, financial, scientific, and educational institution which includes members of the Chinese Communist Party.
10. We believe the United States should never sacrifice its sovereignty or relinquish control of its soil or its citizens to the United Nations or any other international body. We believe our armed forces should only serve the United States, our Constitution, and the American flag.
11. We support strict laws and severe prosecution to eliminate human trafficking.
12. We oppose funding to Ukraine.
13. We believe terrorism is a national security issue and foreign terrorists should be treated as if they are non uniformed combatants.

Commerce

1. We oppose government distortion of the free market through, point taxes, subsidies, bailouts, and mandates.
2. We believe energy and critical mineral independence must be the goal of our public policy.
3. We support the elimination of all public service unions.

4. We oppose all government mandates and efforts associated with alleged man-made global warming or climate change. We acknowledge that CO2 is essential for all life.
5. We support a full, exhaustive, and transparent annual audit of the Federal Reserve.
6. We support the ban of traffic violation cameras.
7. We support review of the current hours of operation and Electronic Log Device ("ELD") regulations of the trucking industry.
8. We oppose Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) or any other similar means by which our government would seek to control or monitor our transactions.
9. We oppose the creation and use of social scoring such as ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance).
10. We oppose electronic surveillance of private financial transactions by any government or non-government entity unless a non-FISA warrant is issued.
11. We support withdrawal of taxpayer funding for the Corporations for Public Broadcasting, National Public Radio, Inc., Public Broadcasting Service, and related affiliates.
12. We support the elimination of federal government guaranteed student loans to reduce the cost of higher education and oppose the blanket government cancellation of federal student loan debt.
13. We call on Congress to revoke China's, 'Most Favored Nation' trading status with America.
14. We support abolishing the Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division (IABD) and allowing the free market to take over distribution of alcohol.
15. The Federal Government must not allow Natural Resources to be controlled by Natural Asset Companies nor should Natural Asset Companies be allowed to be traded publicly.
16. We firmly oppose the carbon capture initiative, including carbon pipelines, and recognize the importance of carbon to Earth's ecosystem.
17. We support the ban of mRNA vaccines being used in livestock intended for human consumption.
18. We support the USA being self-sufficient in all industry, production, and supply chain resources, particularly in regard to national security, health, and safety.
19. We support policies solution to create transparent competition among Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs).

Government

1. We support the requirement that legislation should pertain to one topic, not omnibus, and that unrelated amendments to bills should be prohibited. We believe legislation should never exempt legislators.

2. We support adequate funding for mental health, including but not limited to facilities, staff and local law enforcement.
3. We support the complete repeal of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") in total and replacing it with a free market solution.
4. We support lowering taxes and reducing the size, scope and scale of government –toward this end, we advocate limiting federal expenditures to those enumerated powers under the United States Constitution. We also support a systemic and expedited reduction of the national debt.
5. We support replacing the current complex progressive income tax system with either a consumption-based tax, or a flat tax.
6. We support English as the official language for the United States.
7. We support an audit of Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid to establish policies that would promote the future viability of benefits to potential recipients.
8. Judges and courts can only apply the law and give opinion, and we support legislation designed to enact Tort Reform. We believe in equal application of the law and oppose increasing the number of Supreme Court Justices.
9. We call for the repeal of the 17th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.
10. We support retaining the Electoral College as defined in the Constitution of the United States. We oppose the National Popular Vote Compact.
11. We support the elimination of the following abusive and unconstitutional federal agencies including but not limited to the IRS, EPA, ATF, TSA, BLM, Department of Labor, and the Department of Education.
12. We support drug testing for welfare, food stamps and Medicaid recipients.
13. We oppose legalizing the recreational use of marijuana.
14. We support laws that limit and restrain the Governor's Authority to act by Executive Action during a medical or other emergency without the guidance or input of the Legislative council after being under emergency order for 15 days. No emergency declaration can usurp constitutional rights.
15. We support secure, transparent and free elections, and a return to an election day only vote including allowing only eligible US citizens with a valid photo ID to vote, no tolerance for voter fraud including abuse of ballot drop boxes and ballot harvesting, no foreign or private interference in US elections, meaningful voter verification for absentee ballots, and auditable election documentation including Cast Vote Records (from machines) for all races. We oppose same-day voter registration
16. We strongly support and believe in full and adequate funding for our military, veterans, law enforcement, and other first responders and not to be used for illegal immigrants.
17. IPERS should be required by law to divest from holdings in China and should not make investments based on ESG, DEI, or political factors.
18. Tax Increment Finance districts should be required to have a sunset clause and there should be limits to their renewal.
19. We support the reinstatement of the death penalty.
20. We oppose the use of continuing resolutions to fund the government.
21. We believe U.S. Congressional Representatives should be subject to term limits.
22. We believe only U.S. citizens and legal immigrants should be counted in the U.S. census.
23. Eliminate all non-partisan elections and schedule these elections on the date and year of a general election.
24. We support the elimination for vaccine liability protection for pharmaceutical companies.
25. We demand only the United States flag, POW flag, and the Iowa flag be displayed in government buildings and public-school classrooms.
26. We support amending the Iowa Constitution to require a 2/3 vote of both Houses of the Iowa General Assembly to pass any bill that raises taxes.
27. World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations and World Economic Forum (WEF) shall have no power or jurisdiction within the state of Iowa.
28. Recognizing the importance of political party affiliation as an indicator of a candidate's values, all ballots should identify the political party affiliation after each candidate's name. Therefore, we oppose designating any elected office as "nonpartisan".
29. We support the adoption of a 'Discharge Petition' in the Iowa House and Iowa Senate.
30. We support free, fair, safe and secure elections including allowing only eligible US citizens with a valid photo ID to vote, no tolerance for voter fraud including abuse of ballot drop boxes and ballot harvesting, no foreign or private interference in US elections, strict guidelines for absentee ballots, and auditable election records for all races. We oppose same-day voter registration and ranked choice voting.
31. We believe the United States Constitution, when properly obeyed and enforced, is an effective and timeless guiding instrument for the governing of our nation. Therefore, in view of the dire warnings from James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, four US Supreme Court Justices, and other eminent Jurists and scholars, we are opposed to the proposals of organizations such as "Convention of States" to ask Congress to call an Article V Convention.