

Blue Earth County GOP Convention

Resolutions Committee Report

6 April 2024

Fourteen distinct resolutions were submitted by the caucuses. Four of them were determined to be already in the State Party platform, 2022 edition.

The existing platform planks covering these four items are quoted below. The second heading of a platform section is a subsection heading where one is present. The underlined text is the subject of these resolutions.

Protect our Health Care

“We oppose vaccine mandates, mask mandates and vaccine passports.”

Make Government Smaller and Better

“• We the people support the voting rights of duly authorized citizens through valid registration, proof of citizenship, vouching, photo identification, custodial authentication, and auditing procedures to ensure that our election systems and processes provide secure, fair, and honest results.

• An individual must present a government issued photo identification in Minnesota for local, city, state, and national elections. A free option paid for by the state should be available.”

Strengthen the Rule of Law

Respecting the Rule of Law

“We recognize that "sanctuary cities" or “sanctuary states” are a violation of federal law and support withdrawal of all state and federal funding for those cities.”

Defend America at Home and Abroad

Protect our Borders

“We support immigration reform that first strengthens our borders against criminals, terrorism and illegal immigrants, ...”

The resolutions brought before you are on the other side of the page. For each resolution, we will call for dissent, amendment, or questions first. (The committee moves an amendment to one of the resolutions.) If there is no dissent or request for information and clarification, we will call for a vote. Discussion will be in accordance with the rules of the convention.

RESOLUTIONS

Protect our Health Care Public Health

We call for a permanent end to Daylight Savings Time.

We oppose adding fluoride to municipal water systems.

Educate Our Children

“We believe that parents must have choices for their children’s education, including the use of Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) at all levels of education, so that we can better educate, with more efficient administration, while emphasizing traditional American values.” (The resolution calls for inserting the underlined verbiage in the existing plank.)

Schools should be held accountable to the original intent of current federal civil rights statutes, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.

Protect Public Safety

We call upon all communities to adequately fund their law enforcement agencies, and oppose the movement to “defund the police.”

Strengthen the Rule of Law

We support making the penalty for false accusation of a criminal act, administrative violation, or tort the same as the that carried by the charge or infraction alleged.

Make Government Smaller and Better

We call for a state constitutional limit on the scope of the state government to powers specified and enumerated in the state constitution, and providing standing for any person eligible to vote in Minnesota to seek an injunction against a violation of this provision.

We call for shorter legislative sessions.

We support removing the powers to declare and extend a public emergency from the governor and turning them over to the legislature, with specified limitations on emergency powers (Never Again Bill).

Other

We support retaining the 1983 Minnesota State Flag. (Committee motion: add “and Seal” to this resolution.)