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38 **COMMENDATION OF PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP**

39 **Whereas**, President Donald J. Trump, during his entire term in office, withstood withering attacks by his
40 political opponents, including baseless and misleading impeachment charges, with the help of increasingly
41 dishonest and partisan media; and,

42 **Whereas**, even under such intense pressure, the President steadfastly fought to keep his promises to the
43 American people and continued to advocate for conservative legislation and policies; and,

44 **Whereas**, the President can claim a significant list of economic accomplishments, including: steady expansion
45 (interrupted only by the global pandemic), low unemployment (featuring historic lows for minorities and
46 women), wage growth (especially for blue-collar workers), significant tax cuts, minimal inflation, record stock
47 market levels, energy independence, and renegotiation of numerous worldwide trade deals; and,

48 **Whereas**, the President applied conservative principles to correct the worst provisions of the previous
49 Administration’s healthcare policy, and worked to improve the healthcare system for everyone, especially our
50 veterans; and,

51 **Whereas**, challenged by the emergence of a novel coronavirus in 2020, the President reacted by immediately
52 limiting travel from China, its country of origin, by coordinating a Federal response that quickly produced and
53 delivered medical equipment and PPE to the states, and by fast-tracking the research process for vaccines,
54 developing and deploying them in record time; and,

1 **Whereas**, the President addressed unchecked immigration by utilizing all measures at his disposal to prevent
2 border crossings, including construction of physical barriers on our southern border; and,
3 **Whereas**, the President successfully defended law and order in our nation, showing support for our law
4 enforcement officers while also enacting needed reforms to our criminal justice system; and,
5 **Whereas**, the President rebalanced the Federal courts, with a record number (for a single term) of conservative
6 appointments of Federal judges; and,
7 **Whereas**, the President recognized future needs by adding the Space Force branch to our military, and
8 refocused America’s space program (a source of national pride, technical research and innovation) to
9 accomplish further human exploration and discovery; and,
10 **Whereas**, the President deftly managed foreign policy, achieved historic Mideast peace deals, and exercised his
11 role as Commander in Chief to keep us safe at home and abroad, without further military entanglements;

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13 **Therefore**, the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, thanks President Donald J. Trump for
14 his efforts to deliver on campaign promises, for his incredible perseverance in the face of constant criticism, for
15 promoting our country’s interests on the world stage, for the many wins that are positively impacting all
16 Americans, and wishes him well in all future endeavors.

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18 **COMMENDATION OF CONGRESSMAN JIM SENSENBRENNER**

19 **Whereas**, Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner has, for his entire career, done an outstanding job representing our
20 interests and standing up for our conservative principles; and,
21 **Whereas**, Congressman Sensenbrenner has always promoted legislation and policies that have protected our
22 borders, kept us safe at home and abroad, and limited government overreach; and,
23 **Whereas**, Congressman Sensenbrenner has steadfastly fought against tax and spending increases, and has
24 always been a voice of reason in Congress; and,
25 **Whereas**, Congressman Sensenbrenner has now retired from Congress;

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27 **Therefore**, the Washington County Republican Party, in caucus assembled, thanks Congressman Jim
28 Sensenbrenner for his 42-years of commitment to representing our values in Washington, and commends him
29 for his dedicated service to the people of the 5th Congressional District, the state of Wisconsin and the United
30 States of America.

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33 **COMMENDATION OF CONGRESSMAN SCOTT FITZGERALD AND SENATOR RON JOHNSON**

34 **Whereas**, Congressman Scott Fitzgerald has been elected to represent the 5th Congressional District in
35 Congress, and has had to immediately address several controversial issues; and,
36 **Whereas**, Congressman Fitzgerald has previously done an outstanding job standing up for our conservative
37 principles and representing our interests as leader of the State Senate; and,
38 **Whereas**, since being elected in 2010, Senator Ron Johnson has been a vocal leader in defense of conservative
39 principles, in providing government oversight, fighting for small business owners, finding consensus on
40 healthcare and opioid-abuse issues, and highlighting our long-term fiscal concerns; and,
41 **Whereas**, in the past year, Senator Johnson has taken up the mantle of investigating numerous topics of
42 interest to the American people, when others in Congress and the media have failed to do so; and,
43 **Whereas**, Senator Johnson shares our conservative principles and is working to protect our interests and the
44 interests of future generations;

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46 **Therefore**, the Washington County Republican Party, in caucus assembled, thanks Congressman Scott
47 Fitzgerald and Senator Ron Johnson for their commitment to our values and commends them both for their
48 determination and service to the people of the 5th Congressional District, the state of Wisconsin and the United
49 States of America.

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51 **COMMENDATION OF OUR STATE LEGISLATORS AND LOCAL OFFICE HOLDERS**

52 **Whereas**, the Republican state legislators representing Washington County represent us and our conservative
53 principles and interests well; and,
54 **Whereas**, these Legislators have worked to constrain the liberal tendencies of our Governor, to protect past
55 conservative legislation that put our State on a much-improved path for the future; and,

1 **Whereas**, our local, Republican and conservative-minded non-partisan office holders have worked to put these
2 policies into practice;

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4 **Therefore**, the Washington County Republican Party, in caucus assembled, expresses appreciation to the
5 elected Legislators that represent Washington County and to the local office holders for their commitment to,
6 and practical application of, our conservative principles in State and Local government.
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9 **RESOLUTIONS:**

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11 **1. SUPPORT OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

12 **Whereas**, a strong national defense is essential to the protection of our freedom and the American way of life;
13 and,

14 **Whereas**, the members of our armed forces are serving in places of danger to protect our country and to
15 defend and spread freedom throughout the world; and,

16 **Whereas**, members of the National Guard and our military have been shamelessly besmirched by the
17 Democrats,

18 **Whereas**, members of law enforcement dealt with months of difficult service during the past year, while facing
19 false accusations of racism and hate, having to strike the delicate balance between support of citizen's rights
20 and maintaining community order; and,

21 **Whereas**, all our first responders keep us safe from many perils by being always vigilant against threats that
22 are, or may be, upon us here at home;

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24 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, extends its
25 heartfelt gratitude and humbly asks God to bless and protect our troops and first responders; and,

26 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, thanks our U.S.
27 military leaders and personnel for their role in fighting terrorism, and for their continued vigilance throughout
28 the world; and,

29 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, expects that U.S. military
30 personnel be treated with respect by the leaders of our country, that the military remain always under U.S. command,
31 that our government support our troops with superior equipment and training; that military personnel be put in harm's
32 way only with a clear goal which, when achieved, constitutes victory and an exit strategy; and,

33 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges our country to
34 support and never forget our veterans who have served in war or in peacetime.
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36 **2. SUPPORT OF ELECTION REFORM**

37 **Whereas**, in the wake of the November 2020 election, many Wisconsin voters are questioning the legitimacy of
38 the results, and continue to be frustrated by inconsistent enforcement of our election laws and voting
39 processes; and,

40 **Whereas**, despite reform efforts, the Wisconsin Elections Commission continues to liberally interpret statutes,
41 significantly changing the intent of the Legislature; and,

42 **Whereas**, WEC administrators facilitated suspension of certain voting requirements, under the guise of a public
43 health emergency, which further eroded controls on voter identification, absentee ballots, and the role of
44 special voting deputies; and,

45 **Whereas**, some local government officials, following WEC advice, established voting processes and procedures
46 that violated the state's election laws; and,

47 **Whereas**, these changes resulted in a substantial increase in unsecured ballots, numerous allegations of
48 impropriety, and widespread suspicion of vote fraud; and,

49 **Whereas**, appeals to the judiciary branch for resolution of these discrepancies have been largely unsatisfactory;
50 and,

51 **Whereas**, the U.S. Constitution allows each State to determine how its electoral votes are awarded, and if
52 awarded by congressional district rather than the statewide popular vote, would provide a more representative
53 voice for people outside of large urban areas, giving them more confidence in the election process;
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1 **Therefore be it resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, demands the
2 Legislature thoroughly investigate allegations of fraud in the past election and take action to enforce existing
3 law, change laws where warranted, impose stiff fines on government officials or any others that break election
4 laws, and require proof of indefinitely confined status that includes medical certification with a 2-year renewal;
5 and,

6 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges the Legislature
7 to again reform the Wisconsin Elections Commission, including but not limited to, creating a method to resolve
8 (independent of the court system) issues of statutory interpretation in a timely manner; and,

9 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges the Legislature
10 to enforce our existing requirements to properly maintain accurate voter rolls (i.e., cleaning rolls prior to each
11 election, removing those fraudulent claiming indefinite confinement), and enacting penalties on clerks or
12 administrators for failure to do same; and,

13 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party, in caucus assembled, strongly urges our
14 Legislature to call for a special session to bring forth a bill that would award one Electoral Vote to the winning
15 party in each of our Congressional Districts, and the remaining two electoral votes be awarded to the political
16 party that wins the majority of Congressional Districts, or split if tied.

17 **3. SUPPORT OF ALL HUMAN LIFE**

18 **Whereas**, all human beings are created in the image of God, and are thus endowed by their Creator with an
19 unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as declared in the Declaration of Independence;
20 and,
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22 **Whereas**, medical advances continue to scientifically erode previous arguments regarding origin of life, point of
23 fetal viability and usefulness of embryonic stem cells, all of which have been used to affect public opinion; and,
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25 **Whereas**, it is the obligation of the United States under the 14th Amendment not to deprive persons of life
26 without due process of law;

27 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, reaffirms its
28 support for the rights the unborn, meaning from the time of conception, as well as its respect for life in all its
29 forms; and,

30 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, believes that human
31 life should not be treated as a commodity (i.e., human beings which have been aborted, or fetal tissue of any
32 kind, should not be sold), rejects the use of embryonic stem cells for any purpose, rejects the practice of
33 eugenics (e.g. creation of embryos using the DNA from three or more donors), and believes that it is unethical
34 for organizations to monetarily incentivize their patients to have abortions; and,

35 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, opposes the use of
36 pharmaceutical abortifacients, and supports religious rights objections to government mandates to include
37 within health care plans; and,

38 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges our state and
39 federal representatives to support legislation that aims to protect the right to life, including but not limited to:

- 40 • Requiring parental or legal guardian consent for any minor seeking an abortion;
- 41 • Establishing legal protections for the rights of the fathers of unborn children;
- 42 • Imposing sanctions on any organization or medical facility that attempts to perform abortions
43 subsequent to the existence of a fetal heartbeat;
- 44 • Interposing, on behalf of the unborn, to assert their right to life and stop abortions from being
45 performed;
- 46 • Sponsoring and supporting a human life amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would enumerate
47 the right to life of every human being, from conception to natural death.

48 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges our state and
49 federal legislators to eliminate all public funding for abortion procedures and for any organizations that provide
50 or advocate for ending life in any way, including abortions, assisted suicide or euthanasia; and,

51 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, supports restrictions
52 on government funding of groups that provide abortion services or counseling outside of the United States.
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1 **4. EDUCATION**

2 **Whereas**, we believe that protecting and promoting a sound education of our children and youth is one of
3 parents' and society's most important responsibilities; and,

4 **Whereas**, parental authority over the educational experiences of their children has been co-opted by teachers
5 and administrators who are often not transparent with lessons, assignments and assessments; and,

6 **Whereas**, Wisconsin's school choice and virtual programs empower parents with alternatives to the public
7 schools for the education of their children and lead to greater academic success for many of the 30,000-plus
8 children currently enrolled; and,

9 **Whereas**, government officials, especially at the higher education level, are increasing hostile to the free
10 exchange of ideas, especially those expressing conservative and Christian values; and,

11 **Whereas**, there is increasing interest in adopting learning programs that assess children's social and emotional
12 strengths and seek to engineer social and emotional behavior; and,

13 **Whereas**, the strength and vitality so necessary for our form of government, our welfare as a free people and
14 our national identity to be preserved is dependent upon an honest and accurate presentation and
15 understanding of our history and founding principles; and,

16 **Whereas**, there have been efforts to rewrite, revise and/or distort our nation's history and founding principles
17 to support liberal political and economic ideologies, now termed social justice, rather than presenting our
18 history truthfully and in full, inhibiting an informed electorate; and,

19 **Whereas**, the Federal government has mandated that every state collect personal student information, aligned
20 with federal Common Education Data Standards, which combined with the use of technology makes this data
21 easier to share and utilize, allowing each child to be tracked from birth and/or preschool onward; and,

22 **Whereas**, the U.S. Department of Education amended regulations, under the Family Educational Rights and
23 Privacy Act (FERPA), that increase private company and third-party access to student data without parental
24 consent, as formerly required; and,

25 **Whereas**, the state of Wisconsin ranks at or near the bottom of assessments for protecting student privacy;
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27 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, supports
28 continued statewide expansion of Wisconsin's school choice program, and the use of vouchers and tax credits,
29 without regard to financial means, for those who select private, virtual or home schooling; and,

30 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, supports local
31 control of schools, urges full transparency as to curriculum content and methods, advocates for parental
32 involvement and empowerment, and opposes all Federal intervention in education; and,

33 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party, in caucus assembled, urges the State
34 Legislature to incentivize Districts and empower parents who desire to resume in-person learning suspended
35 by the coronavirus pandemic; and,

36 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges our state
37 legislators and local school boards to push for curriculum changes that place greater emphasis on the basics
38 (including phonics-based early reading instruction, language arts, mathematics, science, history, social studies
39 and economics), and eliminate all programs whose objectives are social engineering or advocacy of special
40 interests; and,

41 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, specifically supports
42 academic efforts and curriculum developments (such as those outlined in the Trump Administration's 1776
43 Commission Report, issued in January 2021), to restore understanding of the greatness of the American Founding
44 and that ensure the presentation of our history and founding principles is objective, truthful and complete, as
45 taught in all our educational institutions, including those of higher learning; and,

46 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, expresses our deep
47 opposition to curriculum and information dissemination that pushes social justice or systemic racism agendas,
48 rather than focusing on our common value of equal opportunity and respect for all American citizens; and,

49 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges that
50 religiously-oriented schools not be discriminated against for exercising their freedom of religion; and demands
51 elimination of government funding for any college or university that does not honor free speech for all; and,

52 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges our state
53 representatives to adopt measures that counteract the egregious sharing and mining of student data, including
54 that resulting from loosened FERPA regulations; and,

1 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges local school
2 boards and administrators inform parents about the data collection and subsequent sharing that is enabled by
3 increased technology use in classrooms and at home.
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5 **5. PROTECTING 2nd AMENDMENT RIGHTS**

6 **Whereas**, the United States Constitution and the Wisconsin Constitution both affirm the basic human right to
7 keep and bear arms; and,

8 **Whereas**, although requiring citizens to request permission from government is an unmistakable violation of
9 that right, since Wisconsin recognized the right to conceal and carry in 2011, over 325,000 residents have
10 received their Concealed Carry License; and,

11 **Whereas**, Wisconsin CCL holders, like those across the United States, have proven that responsible gun owners
12 are a benefit to society by promoting freedom and the basic human right of self-defense, while protecting
13 themselves and others from crime; and,

14 **Whereas**, allowing law-abiding citizens to carry their weapons in schools and on college campuses would be an
15 effective deterrent against school shootings, and would give these citizens an opportunity to stop active
16 shooters before being victimized.

17 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, demands that
18 our government leaders protect our 2nd Amendment rights by opposing any legislation that would restrict the
19 sale or ownership of lawfully-produced guns, clips/magazines and ammunition, or which would impose
20 extraordinary taxes or fees on same; and,

21 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, opposes the
22 creation of any form of registry for firearms, accessories or ammunition; and,

23 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, supports the
24 transition of state law regarding the carry of weapons from “Shall Issue” to “Constitutional Carry”, which is
25 enjoyed by residents of the states of Vermont (1791), Montana (1991), Alaska (2003), Arizona (2010), Wyoming
26 (2011), Kansas (2015), Maine (2015), Idaho (2016), Mississippi (2016), West Virginia (2016), Missouri (2017),
27 New Hampshire (2017), North Dakota (2017), South Dakota (2019), Oklahoma (2019), Kentucky (2019) and
28 Arkansas (2020); and,

29 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges our Legislature
30 to protect law-abiding citizens from civil litigation in the event they defend themselves or others against
31 imminent death or great bodily harm with a legally-permissible firearm; and,

32 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges our Legislature
33 to adopt legislation allowing legally-permissible firearms to be carried on school grounds and college campuses.
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35 **6. NATIONAL SECURITY**

36 **Whereas**, the United States exists in a competitive international environment but, as a nation, retains its right
37 to pursue its own interests; and

38 **Whereas**, our economic competitiveness and energy resources are a basis for our international power; and

39 **Whereas**, past alliances and relationships with other nations have been unfairly exploited and need to be
40 reexamined, revised and better enforced from time to time;
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42 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, supports a
43 strategy of vigorously protecting the homeland and the American people, promoting American prosperity,
44 preserving peace through strength and advancing American influence abroad, where it serves our interests;
45 and,

46 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, supports efforts to
47 mitigate aggressive intentions of nations who threaten the peace, and to limit development of weapons of
48 mass destruction within such countries; and,

49 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, supports
50 maintaining a strong military, including extending its capabilities in space and cyber, to ensure the safety of the
51 American people and set conditions for freedom, peace and prosperity in the world.
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53 **7. IMMIGRATION REFORM**

54 **Whereas**, the United States of America was founded by immigrants, as a refuge for immigrants, we have a
55 unique status in the world as a melting pot of cultures; and,

1 **Whereas**, legal immigration remains beneficial for our country; and,
2 **Whereas**, the longstanding political divide on this issue has resulted in insecure borders, which is an economic
3 lure for migrants, an opportunity for terrorists to enter, a potential for increased vote fraud, an additional
4 burden on government spending programs, and allows an underground economy reliant on the labor of
5 undocumented workers; and,
6 **Whereas**, enforcement of existing immigration laws, using border patrols, technology, barriers and worker
7 verification, would enhance the security of our citizens, protect our economy and protect our unique culture;
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9 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges our
10 Congressional representatives to support reforms allowing fair-but-limited legal immigration and to oppose any
11 immigration plan that grants unconditional amnesty to illegal immigrants already in the United States; and,
12 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, supports the
13 completion of recommended physical barriers along our borders, in whatever manner is most efficient, and to
14 deploy technology or personnel as required to prevent entry by unauthorized migrants; and,
15 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, recommends that
16 the State of Wisconsin and the Federal Government require that all employers use the E-verify system to check
17 the citizenship status of all persons who apply to work; and,
18 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges the State Legislature to
19 pass legislation prohibiting local governments from enacting “local ordinances, resolutions and policies that prohibit
20 enforcement of federal or state laws relating to illegal aliens or immigration status”; and,
21 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges Congress to rescind
22 Federal money from established Sanctuary Cities until they comply with State and Federal Laws regarding illegal
23 immigrants, and to prohibit benefits including driver’s licenses, subsidized medical services, tuition and mortgages to
24 non-citizens; and,
25 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, appreciates the Department of
26 Homeland Security leadership, ICE agents and Border Patrol agents and thanks them for their diligence in enforcing U.S.
27 laws to control our borders and detain and deport illegal immigrant criminals.

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29 **8. FOUNDATIONS OF THE GOP**

30 **Whereas**, the Washington County Republican Party honors the long history and involvement of Republicans in
31 creating a nation that is based on equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race,
32 creed, gender, religion, economic status, age or ability and that each person's dignity, liberty and integrity must
33 be protected and respected; and,
34 **Whereas**, the fundamental principles of the Republican Party are rooted in the Declaration of Independence
35 and the Constitution of the United States of America; and,
36 **Whereas**, the Republican Party was founded as an anti-slavery coalition, believing that people had no right to
37 oppress their fellow humans, and thus proclaimed joint opposition of human enslavement and government
38 tyranny; and,
39 **Whereas**, the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Lincoln, a Republican, which ultimately led
40 to the passage of the 13th and 14th Amendments, by Republicans, and later passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act,
41 supported largely by Republicans in Congress; and,
42 **Whereas**, the Republican Party also drove passage of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote and
43 recognize that women are instrumental to the success of our party, of America and of the world;
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45 **Therefore be it resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, affirms its
46 opposition to all discriminatory policies, including those promulgated by federal, state or local governments
47 and to legislation and government initiatives that treat any citizens unequally or prevent citizens from pursuing
48 their individual rights; and,
49 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, reclaim its
50 emancipatory character and its civil rights advocacy history, and again become an advocate for the “little guy”,
51 the “forgotten” and the “invisible”, including minority and sovereign First Nations within the United States and
52 any others who have faced denials of their liberties or burdensome constraints; and,
53 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, steadfastly adheres
54 to the following principles that are the core values of our party – individual rights, equal opportunity for all
55 citizens, a government that enables individual talents and does not put obstacles in the way, a military and first

1 responders that defend and protect law-abiding citizens and a judiciary and government officials that do not
2 overstep their authority; and,
3 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, supports a campaign
4 in concert with the Republican Party of Wisconsin to promote knowledge of the basic foundation of freedom,
5 liberty, and justice for all citizens, and that highlights the history of the Republican Party and Republican
6 principles and emphasizes the importance of citizen involvement to maintain these values.

7 8 **9. TAXATION AND SPENDING**

9 **Whereas**, the United States was founded in part due to anger over an environment of excessive taxation and
10 taxation without representation; and,

11 **Whereas**, the United States Constitution does allow for taxation for specific reasons to support the general
12 welfare, to be used for the specific purpose appropriated, but Congress continues to abrogate its responsibility
13 to properly budget and appropriate by voting for continuing resolutions and omnibus bills; and,

14 **Whereas**, our State government was placed on a firm and frugal fiscal path over the past decade under
15 Republican control;

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17 **Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges our
18 Congressional representatives to oppose continuing resolutions and to return to regular order in both Houses
19 of Congress, including the process of separate budgeting and funding bills for each Department; and,

20 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, supports alternative
21 ideas to stretch our transportation funding, including reduction in department overhead and waste,
22 prioritization of (and proof of necessity for) proposed projects, segregation of funding to avoid federal wage
23 requirements, and downsizing of contracts to encourage competition; and,

24 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges passage of
25 legislation that protects homeowners from property tax increases, shifted from commercial property owners,
26 by clarifying that leases and comparisons to "highest and best use" are factored into property assessments.

27 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, urges our state
28 legislators to develop and pass referendum reforms that will enhance voter awareness and participation,
29 ensure complete transparency in the process, and limit the effect of increased costs to the communities that
30 vote for the taxes; and,

31 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, demands that all
32 taxing authorities be elected, not appointed, to their positions by the voters in the communities they serve;
33 and,

34 **Be it further resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, calls upon the State
35 Legislature to defend the conservative gains of the past decade and continue to advocate for sound fiscal
36 management, especially avoiding and opposing tax increases.

37 38 **10. REPEAL OF MINIMUM MARK-UP LAW**

39 **Whereas**, government, in a free economy, should not be involved in mandating or controlling prices; and,

40 **Whereas**, Wisconsin retailers remain subject to the Unfair Sales Act, a law passed in the 1930's, which
41 mandates an increased percentage cost be added to the price of consumer goods; and,

42 **Whereas**, the law, although long outliving its original intended purpose, and vastly different economic times,
43 has been kept alive for the benefit of certain business interests at the expense of others; and,

44 **Whereas**, the practice of crony capitalism circumvents the free market and is ultimately injurious to
45 consumers;

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47 **Therefore be it resolved**, that the Washington County Republican Party in caucus assembled, calls upon the
48 State Legislature and Governor to repeal this archaic piece of legislation, the Unfair Sales Act, also known as the
49 minimum mark-up law.