

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

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New Hampshire Republican Party STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

We, the duly elected delegates of the Republican Party of New Hampshire, in convention assembled, in discharge of the duty we owe to our constituents and our state, adopt these Principles that provide direction to all candidates for elected office and guidance for future governance.

We, the people of the New Hampshire Republican Party, stand united in our dedication to preserving freedom, limited government, and unlimited opportunity for all.

We believe, above all else, in the founding principle that all people are created equal, endowed by our Creator with the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, unimpeded by intrusive government regulation and control.

We believe the New Hampshire and United States Constitutions were written by our forefathers to limit our government, not our freedom.

We believe individual liberty is guaranteed under the Constitutions of the United States and New Hampshire, the liberty of the people must be protected above the power of the government, and it is only through an adherence to our founding documents that we will continue to grow as a free, Constitutional Republic.

We believe the Founding Fathers gave the 1st Amendment its preeminent position with intent that religious freedom and freedom of all speech, including political, must be protected.

We believe the 2nd Amendment is in a position of prominence with the intent that law-abiding citizens of the United States of America have a right to keep and bear arms to protect and defend their lives, their families, and their property without government infringement.

We believe acquiring, possessing, and protecting private property is a natural, essential and inherent right.

We believe in free people, free markets, and free enterprise.

We believe happiness and success are the result of individual effort, hard work, and dedication to a purpose.

We believe economies flourish when all people retain as much of their hard-earned income as possible, to spend and invest as they see fit.

We believe that low taxes are the result of low spending; that the government has a moral obligation to our citizens to be good stewards of their money and through the wise

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allocation of resources, to limit government spending and growth, and to cut and curtail costs whenever possible.

We believe a strong defense is necessary to preserve our nation's freedom and security. Secure borders are an integral part of ensuring a strong national defense and protection of our citizens. We believe that freedom can only exist in a nation that is willing to defend it. The utmost honor and respect should be given to all those who serve and sacrifice for the protection of our freedom and security including our active-duty military and veterans, National Guard and Reserve. We also strongly support law enforcement, border security personnel, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders.

We believe all life is sacred. We are guided by compassion rather than judgment, committed to uplifting mothers, children, and families. We advocate for economic and family-friendly policies that make choosing life both desirable and supported — easing the burdens and celebrating the blessings that come with the commitment to life.

We support and uphold the work of pregnancy resource centers, and similar organizations, offering free, life affirming care to women facing unexpected pregnancies. They provide essential services (including medical), adoption resources, emotional and spiritual support, with non-judgmental compassion and respect. We oppose any efforts to restrict, undermine, or discredit these centers, and affirm their right to operate without government interference or discrimination.

We believe families are the foundation of strong communities, and family life best nurtures love of country, faith in God, morality, and concern for others.

We believe the liberty of parents to protect the wellbeing of their children is a fundamental right. Decisions regarding the upbringing, healthcare, education, and welfare of children should be the free choice of parents, acting on the children's behalf, unimpeded by intrusive government regulation and control

We believe every child is filled with potential and is unique in their own right; as such we believe there is no one-size-fits-all education solution; we support expanded education choices, including but not limited to: education tax credits, charter schools, and homeschooling. We believe in local educational control, beginning with parents, teachers, and principals.

We believe that we the people are strongest when we stand together, that it is our responsibility to hold the government accountable and that it is through the integrity of the ballot box that we do so.

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We believe New Hampshire, with her rock-solid values and proud history of political activism, must preserve our First-In-The-Nation Presidential Primary.

We believe local governments should not be allowed to infringe on individual rights and the state should ensure protection from such local government overreach.

We support legal immigration and believe enforcement of immigration laws is in New Hampshire's best interests.

We oppose amnesty for anyone who enters the United States illegally. Giving amnesty to illegal aliens undermines the system and encourages a wide range of illegal activities. We support enforcement of federal immigration laws, condemn lawlessness and oppose the formation of sanctuary cities.

The history of the Republican Party is a story of strength, courage and patriotism; our party was founded in the fight against the despicable practice of slavery, it was the Republican Party that fought for the right of all women to vote, it was Republicans in Congress who fought to overcome the southern Democrats' resistance to pass civil rights legislation and it is Republican values that will lead our nation forward in freedom and opportunity for all.

We, the people of the New Hampshire Republican Party, pledge to our neighbors across our great, beautiful, and proud state, that we remain dedicated to maintaining a limited, affordable government, to lead with integrity, character and compassion, and to forever defend the freedom that has made the United States of America a beacon of hope for all people.

“That the people justly view with alarm the reckless extravagance which pervades every department of the Federal Government; that a return to rigid economy and accountability is indispensable to arrest the systematic plunder of the public treasury by favored partisans...(and)

Finally, having thus set forth our distinctive principles and views, we invite the co-operation of all citizens, however differing on other questions, who substantially agree with us in their affirmance and support.” – Republican Platform, 1860