



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

## 38th Biennial Convention

September 10-13, 2015 • Phoenix, Arizona

### Proposed Resolutions

#### RESOLUTION 1

##### In Support of Transfer of Federally-Controlled Public Land to States

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of States affected by federal land management are adversely impacted by reduced public access, degraded environmental quality and depressed economic productivity resulting from federal mismanagement on a high percentage of public lands within their State;

**WHEREAS**, Countless hours have been devoted by state citizens and their locally elected representatives to work with federal agencies to improve conditions on federally controlled public lands, with little or no avail;

**WHEREAS**, The States have the greater motivation to be accountable to their people to ensure multiple use, public access, reduction of pest and wildfire threat, environmental quality, and support of compatible livelihoods and recreational activities;

**WHEREAS**, There is historical precedent for transfer of federal lands to states, namely Hawaii and all states east of the Rocky Mountains whereby the federal government now only controls an average of less than 5% of all land compared with western America where the federal government still controls over 50% of all land;

**WHEREAS**, In 1976 Congress ended its 200 year old policy of beneficially transferring ownership of public land with the passage of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA);

**WHEREAS**, The PILT or payment in lieu of taxes do not adequately or fairly compensate States for the breach of their Enabling Acts; and,

**WHEREAS**, The American Lands Council, National Farm Bureau, National Association of Counties, Montana Republican Party, Republican National Committee, and numerous local school districts and other civic organizations support this effort;

**RESOLVED**, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, September 10-13, 2015, supports the transfer of federally controlled public land to willing states thereby facilitating accountable and local control of public land for the benefit of our communities, our families, our environment, our state and our nation.

*Submitted by the Montana Federation of Republican Women*

## **RESOLUTION 2**

### **In Support of a Balanced Budget Amendment**

**WHEREAS**, The United States of America has surpassed a debt of 18 trillion dollars. This has resulted in our nation having to depend on other nations and entities to sustain our stability;

**WHEREAS**, It is essential for the United States to protect its sovereignty in the world and remain a model for democratic principles, by leading as a nation independent of debt and resources;

**WHEREAS**, It is the moral responsibility of today's citizens to not place the burden of debt on our children and future generations. It is only right and responsible for our generation to secure the liberties and a free nation for which we and our forefathers have benefited;

**WHEREAS**, Our nation's founders wisely gave the states a method to amend the constitution, and in doing so created appropriate checks and balances to ensure that any amendment must be approved by 3/4 of the states; and,

**WHEREAS**, We women and citizens of this great nation acknowledge the self-sacrifice in our daily lives; placing our needs before our wants is a foundation for independence. To remain collectively independent and sovereign it is necessary for our government to implement a balanced budget;

**RESOLVED**, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, September 10-13, 2015, pronounces its support for a balanced budget amendment and calls for remaining states who haven't passed a federal balanced budget resolution to pass an amendment to require a balanced federal budget. And we encourage our members of the NFRW to follow the lead in helping trigger the change we need to restore our nation to fiscal stability.

*Submitted by the Ohio Federation of Republican Women*

### **RESOLUTION 3**

#### **In Support of the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015**

**WHEREAS**, The NFRW has a long-standing commitment to our men and women serving in uniform and to our veterans and their families;

**WHEREAS**, Hundreds of thousands of American service members were exposed to toxic substances during their service in the U.S. Armed Forces ranging from herbicides used in Vietnam such as Agent Orange, to toxic fumes released by U.S. Demolition Operations during the Persian Gulf War, to toxic fires from burn pits across Afghanistan and Iraq, to toxic substances used in and around military bases and equipment here at home;

**WHEREAS**, Such exposure to toxic substances has negatively impacted the health condition of hundreds of thousands of American service members and veterans;

**WHEREAS**, The service members' and veterans' exposure to toxic substances is now believed to negatively impact the health conditions of their children and grandchildren, and perhaps multiple other future generations, often resulting in extremely rare or unusual medical conditions that are not commonly recognized or easily treated;

**WHEREAS**, The Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015 requires the establishment of a National Center within the Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct research into the diagnosis and

treatment of health conditions of the descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces that are related to such service;

**WHEREAS**, The Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015 specifically states that there will be no new expenditures to accomplish the goals of this Act and that this Act will be carried out using amounts otherwise made available for the purposes of this Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015 was introduced into both houses of Congress with bi-partisan support in the form of identical Bills: S. 901 in the United States Senate and H.R. 1769 in the United States House of Representatives;

**RESOLVED**, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, September 10-13, 2015, pronounces its support for the Toxic Exposure Research Act and does hereby call on the United States Congress to pass S. 901 and H.R. 1769, and does hereby call on every State Federation to lobby the Senators and Representatives in their state to support this Act.

*Submitted by the Washington Federation of Republican Women*

## **RESOLUTION 4**

### **Recognizing and Thanking U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and Carly Fiorina for Addressing the 38th Biennial Convention**

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and Carly Fiorina have demonstrated an abiding resolve and commitment to the principles of the Republican Party; and,

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and Carly Fiorina have shown a spirit of generosity by giving us the benefit of their time and talent in addressing the 38th Biennial Convention;

**RESOLVED**, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, September 10-13, 2015, recognizes the sacrifice of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and Carly Fiorina during this busy time in their campaign schedule, and wholeheartedly thanks them for their kind availability.

## **RESOLUTION 5**

### **Recognizing and Thanking Our Convention Speakers and Other Special Guests**

**WHEREAS**, Many Republican elected officials and leaders generously gave of their time to address the 38th Biennial Convention, including Arizona's Governor Doug Ducey, Secretary of State Michele Reagan, U.S. Senator Jeff Flake and GOP Chairman Robert Graham, as well as U.S. Representatives Kay Granger and Chris Smith, RNC Co-Chair Sharon Day, Iowa State Representative Mary Ann Hanusa, Janet Huckabee and Cindy McCain;

**WHEREAS**, Kellyanne Conway, President and CEO of the polling company, inc./WomanTrend, conducted an informative and insightful presidential straw poll; and,

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Bocskor, Lisa James, Christine Jones and Holly Robichaud provided valuable campaign, leadership and public relations training;

**RESOLVED**, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, September 10-13, 2015, extends its enthusiastic appreciation to our convention speakers for giving us the benefit of their insights and encouragement, thereby propelling us toward victories in the 2016 elections.

## **RESOLUTION 6**

### **Honoring the Convention Host Committee, NFRW Staff, the City of Phoenix, and the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa**

**WHEREAS**, The 38th Biennial Convention Host Committee of Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico Republican Women worked tirelessly and spent many hours to ensure an outstanding experience for convention attendees;

**WHEREAS**, The NFRW staff coordinated a truly memorable event with inspirational speakers and motivational workshops and seminars;

**WHEREAS**, The City of Phoenix so graciously welcomed the 38th Biennial Convention;

**WHEREAS**, The JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa provided us with comfortable and beautiful rooms and delicious meals; and,

**WHEREAS**, A multitude of hardworking, dedicated people came together to make this endeavor a huge success;

**RESOLVED**, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, September 10-13, 2015, extends a huge thank you to the women of Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico; to the NFRW staff and President Kathy Brugger; to the City of Phoenix; and, to the JW Marriott and its staff for making this 38th Biennial Convention an educational, motivational and fun event.

## **RESOLUTION 7**

### **Honoring NFRW President Kathy Brugger**

**WHEREAS**, Kathy Brugger was elected President of the National Federation of Republican Women at the 37th Biennial Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, and took office in January 2014;

**WHEREAS**, Kathy has held numerous positions in the Federation, including 2nd Vice President, Member-at-Large, adviser to the Regents Program, director of Region 1, and Past President of California;

**WHEREAS**, Kathy has been a long-time Republican activist at the local, district and state levels, including serving as a California Central Committee delegate, and has received numerous awards and honors for her service;

**WHEREAS**, Kathy has ably served her community as a long-time businesswoman, elected school board member, appointee to the California Teachers Retirement System, lifetime member of the American Association of University Women, past president of the Montclair Chamber of Commerce, and in numerous other organizations;

**WHEREAS**, Kathy has served the NFRW with devotion and unceasing resolve, thereby expanding our role on the national stage, improving our outreach and fundraising efforts, enhancing our public relations, and traveling across the nation to raise the profile of the organization; and,

**WHEREAS**, Kathy – who calls herself a “worker bee for Republican causes” – has demonstrated a generosity of spirit, inspiring resolve and boundless enthusiasm;

**RESOLVED**, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 38th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, September 10-13, 2015, deeply thanks Kathy for her commitment, her integrity, and her dedication to our organization, as demonstrated by her exemplary years of service, for which we will ever be in her debt.