

# Warren County Republican Platform

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## 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, 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 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 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.
- 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 as individuals are responsible for our successes and failures.

## **Planks**

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

### **Life**

1. We move the Iowa Republican Party aggressively support a Life Begins at Conception Bill without exceptions. We believe that all human beings, from conception to natural death, have a God-given and constitutionally protected right to life, which cannot be infringed. We believe all such issues belong under the constitutional authority of the state, not federal, government. We oppose using public revenues for abortion or funding organizations which advocate it. We commend those who provide alternatives to abortion by meeting the needs of mothers and offering adoption services. We reaffirm our support for appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of life. We oppose the nonconsensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, including food and water, from people with disabilities, including newborns, as well as the elderly and infirmed, just as we oppose active and passive euthanasia and assisted suicide.
2. We believe Government should have a strong right to life stance and should defund Planned Parenthood and end federal funding of abortions. The government should support traditional Judeo-Christian Family Values.
3. We support an amendment to both the U.S. and the Iowa Constitutions defining and supporting the honored institution of marriage as the legal union between one natural man and one natural woman. We encourage the repeal of any laws allowing any marriage that is not between one natural man and one natural woman.
4. We support non-embryonic stem cell research, such as promoting the use of adult stem cells, while opposing human cloning and research using fetal tissue from abortions. We believe the selling, brokering or marketing of aborted fetal tissue should be illegal.
5. We support the "Protect Life Amendment" to the Iowa Constitution to protect life, defend the dignity of all human life and to protect mothers and unborn children from efforts to expand abortion even to the day of birth. The amendment provides that this Constitution shall not be construed to recognize, grant or secure a right to abortion or to require the public funding of abortion.

6. We support legislation to prohibit sex change operations or medications for minors. We support a full ban on treatments which place minors on dangerous medical treatments slowing hormonal growth or altering hormones with crossover drugs, causing sterility, brittle bones, depression, and even mutilating healthy body parts, when the majority who experience gender confusion often outgrow it and settle into birth sex without issue if left untreated.
7. We oppose any ban or restriction on conversion therapy which places parents, pastors, and counselors at odds with the law for merely seeking help in exploring underlying issues which may be the root of gender confusion or dysphoria and leaves minors at risk of having life altering treatments that can cause sterility, health risks, and physical amputation or mutilation without proper psychological counseling, evaluation or preparation.

## **Liberty**

1. We support the 1st Amendment to allow prayer in Public Schools and Public Places.
2. 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, and education of their children. We believe the parents should have more say in what their children are being taught at school.
3. We believe money should follow the child in education – whether that child attends public, private, parochial or home school- to assist parents financially in educating their children using the option best suited to their family’s educational needs. We call on the General Assembly to provide for tuition vouchers, tax deductions, or tax credits to permit parents’ choice in educating their children- without government intervention in the school curriculum.
4. We oppose all efforts of school districts, libraries, and public places regarding the race and sexual indoctrination of children including but not limited to the distribution of pornographic and obscene materials, teaching on gender identity, critical race theory or critical race theory matters, and sexual orientation, or promoting sexual deviance. There should be provisions for discipline for teachers who continue to teach CRT.
5. We believe that students should have the opportunity to be involved in more life changing opportunities such as CTSO (Career and Technical Student-Led Organizations).
6. Teachers will have authority in their classrooms. This includes being able to defend themselves and other students without fear of consequences.
7. We believe that the Pledge of Allegiance should be part of the daily school opening activities.
8. We propose all school teachers, administrators, professional staff, and individuals with a constitutional right and/or concealed carry permits should be allowed to carry concealed weapons on school property.
9. We strongly believe in the constitutionally protected natural right of individuals to keep and bear arms, as recognized and protected by the Second Amendment, and we support the repeal of existing laws that infringe upon those rights. We support the present “stand your ground” and “castle doctrine” provisions in Iowa Law. We support the current constitutional carry law and current efforts to amend the Iowa Constitution to include a right to keep and bear arms.

10. We oppose all laws which violate our second amendment right to keep and bear arms including, but not limited to, registration, confiscation, assault weapons bans, magazine bans, gun buy-backs, universal background checks and "guilty until proven innocent" red flag laws.
11. 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.
12. We support legislation that would prohibit any organization, (in example, Planned Parenthood), from entering public school properties for the purpose of promoting promiscuous behavior and abortion products, videos, or printed material.
13. We call for the repeal of sexual orientation and gender identity in the Iowa Civil Rights Act and reject any additional similar legislation to Local, State or National Act. We affirm God's design for gender as determined by biological sex and not self-perception.
14. We believe the Iowa Civil Rights Act, and any relevant federal legislation, should prohibit schools or public accommodations from allowing biological males or females to use restroom, locker room, or shower facilities designated for the opposite biological sex because their gender identity is inconsistent with their biological sex.
15. We believe the Iowa Civil Rights Act, and any relevant federal legislation, should prohibit schools from allowing biological males or females to compete on teams designated for the opposite sex because their gender identity is inconsistent with their biological sex.
16. The legislature should enact a statute which would not allow in elementary or secondary school libraries any form of sexually explicit literature or media which would be illegal for someone who is not a parent or guardian to provide a minor child.
17. We support full local control in schools and therefore oppose any forced national education standard such as the Common Core (now called Iowa Core) and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). We also call for a halt to the public funding of any of their supportive components (i.e., bandwidth expansion to support online nationalized testing, collection and transfer of academic and non-academic student data to third parties, and contractual agreements with out-of-state testing consortiums).
18. The actions of national intelligence agencies must not infringe upon American citizens' Constitutional rights.
19. We believe that the voting rights of felons released from prison should be restored, only after all financial obligations have been satisfied and all terms of probation or parole have been completed.
20. We believe the legislature should enact an amendment to Iowa Code Section 216.10 of the Iowa Civil Rights Act to prohibit unfair credit discrimination on the basis of political party or beliefs, which does not include the advocacy of the violent overthrow of the government.
21. We strongly believe the right for an individual or parent to decline a vaccination or any other medical treatment for themselves or their children as an unalienable right. We oppose medical treatment requirements and mandates, and believe medical decisions should remain private between an individual and their doctor.

22. No employer should be allowed to violate civil liberties and unalienable rights endowed by our Creator to wrongly demand an employee be vaccinated. Any employer requiring or pressuring employees to be vaccinated should be liable for any and all adverse reactions possibly associated with such a vaccine or appearing shortly after vaccine whether individual is still employed or has left such employer.
23. We support our veterans, military members, and first responders.

## **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 that prohibit ownership of United States farmland, property, and other assets by foreign governments or entities controlled by such government.
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. We support eliminating all death taxes.
6. All government fees assessed must be passed by the duly elected governmental body.
7. We oppose federal or state government taking private property away from the owner for the use of another private party. Eminent domain should be used only for public use.
8. We support retaining the step-up in basis on assets transferred from a decedent.
9. We support the reduction of property tax.

## **National Sovereignty & Defense**

1. We believe the United States should never sacrifice its sovereignty or relinquish control of its soil to the United Nations or any other international body.
2. We oppose the United Nations’ Agenda 21 plan, which restricts or destroys the property rights of Americans under the guise of environmentalist initiatives.
3. We support: legal immigration, strict enforcement of our current immigration laws and securing of our borders. We believe that use of the federal E-Verify program should be mandatory for all employers. We support eliminating the “chain migration” program and the “lottery based” immigration program.
4. We call for securing our borders by building the wall, deporting illegal aliens and stopping all welfare support for illegal aliens so it is not so easy to transition into our country.
5. We believe the United States Constitution was written to protect the rights of the citizens of the United States, and those here illegally are not protected by our constitutional rights.

6. We assert that bequeathing citizenship to babies born to illegal immigrants in the United States is a misinterpretation of the 14th amendment.
7. We demand proper and thorough vetting of all people coming into our country.
8. We reaffirm our commitment to the State of Israel, their right to defend themselves, and support the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.
9. Agreements with foreign nations should only be done by treaty and subject to the approval of congress.
10. We support military eligibility requirements with sound personnel policies, including physical and psychological standards for military enlistment and detainment.
11. We believe our servicemen should serve only the United States, our Constitution, and the American Flag.
12. We call for the government to support “veterans’ issues”. We believe military veterans should be treated with dignity and respect, and that “veterans’ services” should be consistent and delivered with equality and expedience with access available to free market options.
13. We support restoration of the congressional EMP (electromagnetic pulse) commission and government initiative to harden the electrical grid to protect it from being destroyed by natural or nuclear weapon induced electromagnetic pulses.
14. We believe in a strong National defense through military strength and diplomacy.
15. We believe retired Veterans should continue to receive TRICARE health insurance coverage for free.
16. We believe aid to wounded veterans should include the provision of appropriate prosthetic devices, vehicles, housing modifications, and other aid to accommodate their duty related injuries.
17. We support the reactivation of the Iowa State Guard which would be funded by the Iowa legislature and with the governor as the commander in chief.

## **Commerce**

1. We oppose government distortion of the free market through subsidies and bailouts.
2. We believe energy independence must be the goal of our public policy at both the National and State level.
3. We call for legislation that would eliminate all public sector unions.
4. We oppose all mandates associated with alleged global warming, or climate control.
5. We support legalizing cannabis oil for medical use and industrial hemp for commercial use.
6. We support a full and exhaustive annual audit of the Federal Reserve.

7. We believe in economic growth and fair trade.
8. We support affordable health care solutions and health insurance under the free enterprise system.
9. We support the principles of free-enterprise, accountability and competition in healthcare, we therefore call for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and auditing all federal health related programs in order to eliminate waste and seek improved ways of delivering needed services.
10. The legislature should enact a statute requiring that any company providing any form of insurance to Iowa schools cannot refuse to provide such insurance because the school allows staff to be armed. The insurance company cannot rely on any underwriting guideline that prohibits insuring schools because they have armed staff.
11. We support the USA being self-sufficient in all industry, production, and supply chain resources, particularly in regards to national security, health, and safety.
12. We reject the climate change hoax as CO2 is essential to agriculture and Iowa economic development.

## **Government**

1. We believe the United States Constitution, when properly obeyed and enforced, is an effective and timeless guiding instrument for governing of our nation. We oppose any and all attempts to convene a Convention of States Constitutional Convention under Article V of the U.S. Constitution which opens our Constitution to risk of revision or total replacement. We believe that everything we need to fix America's ills are already in the U.S. Constitution and it simply needs upheld thus support the Iowa Legislature rescinding all of their past applications for such a convention.
2. We oppose term limits which limit the liberty of voters to select those who will govern over them— a mainstay in our founders' vision of our Republic and we the People being in full power over government. *(Please note: The Warren County 2020 Convention also struck the previous #2 that stated "We support term limits for elected officials, appointed officials, and judges.")*
3. We support requiring the vote of at least 5 judges of the Iowa Supreme Court to declare a law unconstitutional.
4. We support the requirement that legislation should pertain to one topic and that unrelated amendments to bills should be prohibited. Additionally, omnibus bills should be broken up topically in order to increase oversight and accountability in the legislative and accounting processes.
5. We support lowering taxes and reducing the size, scope and scale of government – toward this end, we advocate a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. We also support a systematic reduction of the national debt.
6. We want elected officials to apply the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment, nullification and enumerated powers to limit overreach and overspending of the federal government.
7. We support the repeal of the 16th (Federal Income Tax) Amendment and replacing the current complex progressive income tax system with either a consumption-based tax, or a flat tax.
8. We believe legislation should never exempt legislators.

9. We support the adoption of English as the official language of the United States of America to strengthen and unite us as a nation of immigrants.
10. We believe the State of Iowa should ban red-light cameras. The timing varies between locations and the company that installs and maintains the cameras gets a portion of the revenue generated by the tickets.
11. We believe in the “people’s right to know”. We believe all government entities should publish information about all elections, bond issues, rate or tax hikes, etc. that impacts the citizens of that district, city, county or state through at least three or more different sources that would reach at least 80-90% of citizens impacted by the actions.
12. The legislature should require all state pension funds to disinvest from and refrain from investing (a) in the securities of any China or Hong Kong domiciled company or entity and (b) any regional mutual fund in which China and Hong Kong domiciled stocks constitute more than 10% of the value of the portfolio.
13. The legislature should enact a statute which requires that no government entity can issue bonds using any bank or financial institution that discriminates against customers based on their political party or beliefs.
14. The Legislature should enact a statute which requires that no government entity can issue bonds using any bank or financial institution that discriminates against the firearms industry.
15. We support a responsible audit of Social Security and evaluating ALL options that would promote the future viability of benefits to potential recipients.
16. We support legislation designed to enact Tort Reform.
17. We support the demilitarization of domestic non-defense agencies and departments like the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Education.
18. We call for the removal of DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) practices, policies, and funding from all government entities.
19. We support the elimination of the following abusive and unconstitutional federal agencies: the IRS, the EPA, the ATF, the TSA, the BLM, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Education.
20. We believe that only US citizens bearing proper photo ID should be allowed to vote.
21. We support retaining the Electoral College. We oppose the National Popular Vote Compact.
22. We support the elimination of non-partisan elections, including school board elections.
23. We propose that elected officials sign and return a copy of the party platform to party leaders so we the people know who has read it.
24. We believe Government should eliminate waste in all departments and other government agencies and promote efficiencies.
25. We believe Government should encourage environmental stewardship through respect for natural resources, common sense clean air and water.



26. We support the upgrading of roads and bridges to handle the increased vehicle and farm implement traffic. We believe Iowa should concentrate more on rural infrastructure, i.e., roads, bridges and broadband internet, to aid in economic development and providing jobs for young people in rural Iowa.
27. We call on the Secretary of State of Iowa to continue to investigate, prosecute and eliminate voter fraud and implement necessary procedures to prevent it.
28. We demand strict enforcement of the laws regarding mail in ballots to ensure that no one votes more than once. We also believe that voting machines should not have the ability to connect to the internet.
29. We believe that Congress and Senators should receive pension benefits that are in-line with those of the general public sector.
30. We believe that able bodied people of working age, who are receiving taxpayer money, should be required to work.
31. We support reforming the Medicaid program to reduce paperwork and improve healthcare for participants by employing Direct Primary Care for participants.
32. We support removing the judge from the District Court Judicial Nominating Commissions.
33. We demand that all county offices be open to the public during normal business hours. No appointments needed.
34. We believe that, providing no licensing infraction, inspection failure, or unlawful activity, no governing official has the authority to close down business under the guise of public health. In addition, any commercial property or entity that has been denied the right to earn revenue should be exempt from paying property tax in jurisdiction where ruling came down.
35. We believe that emergency powers must be voted on by the state legislature after 15 days, and again every 30 days, to continue.