

# OK GRASSROOTS Presents Resolutions to be Considered for Introduction at Precinct Meetings



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Oklahoma Grassroots will have an opportunity to impact the precinct meetings occurring all over the state in late January / early February with the stated Republican party date being February 1st. Many have complained about parties, but the only way to impact them is by participating. Can it truly be said that large numbers of people of principle have participated over a sustained period, starting at the precinct level? You have to attend to participate, or at least that is the best way to do so!

We know that you want to impact the process in a positive way. To that end, we are recommending the introduction of resolutions at those precinct meetings. In our experience, such an effort provides an opportunity to engage in a discussion and debate over principles, issues, and even can effect the legislative process. We have attached some recommended resolutions, addressing some of the key issues of the day, for your consideration. We ask that you share them with your network(s) as you deem appropriate, perhaps even adding your own to the mix.

Please reference the state party site - [OKGOP](#), your county party site if there is one, and [OK Grassroots](#) network for more information. Recently [OK-SAFE \(Oklahomans for Sovereignty and Free Enterprise\)](#) did an [outstanding piece on the importance of these meetings and the potential for impact](#).

Keep in mind that what you enter at the precinct level and discuss with your neighbors is going to change and be potentially tweaked as it moves through the party process. Should there be adequate support for any one or more of the resolutions, that internal party support can translate itself into action in the legislative process, and ultimately become law. Through this process we can engage in dialogue, the education of our friends, and yes, ourselves, on the important matters of our day. Four sample resolutions for your consideration are attached as follows in an expanded version (remember when submitting to a precinct meeting to present them in triplicate if at all possible):

\* [OK Grassroots](#) has been most fortunate to have an intern this cycle, Jeremy Rhymes, who has done a lot of work on the State Sovereignty issue with

Shelli Dawdy and [Grassroots in Nebraska](#). Representative Charles Key has laid a lot of groundwork for us in this area over recent years for work presented here as a **Resolution to Strengthen Oklahoma Sovereignty**.

\* Porter Davis has submitted two items for consideration: **Resolution on Open Government** and **Resolution on Making Oklahoma the Freest State in the Nation**.

\* Shelli Dawdy and Kaye Beach collaborated to give us the **Resolution Regarding REALID, RFID, Biometrics, Data Collection & Information Sharing**.

\* Nathan Dahm has given us a **Resolution on the Sanctity of Life**, which continues to be a core issue for life and liberty for all of us!

There are many others ideas that you may wish to expand into your own resolutions because this list is by no means exhaustive. Some summary information to get you started is attached also on those listed here:

## **Border Security and Immigration Spending and Taxation**

## **Limited Government**

## **Right to Keep and Bear Arms**

## **Sound Money and the Federal Reserve**

## **Protect and Strengthen the Sovereignty of the United States of America**

As you consider attending and presenting resolutions at your precinct meetings, please be ready to serve as a precinct chairman, vice chairman, or secretary.

Our willingness to serve in these positions will ensure that we keep building the party from the bottom up. If we lay a firm foundation and insist on wise leadership and constitutional principles, our communities and our nation will be blessed in the process. Thank you for serving wisely and promoting people of principle as you go.

For Life and Liberty,

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# Resolution on Open Government

WHEREAS Oklahoma Legislators are the elected Representatives of the People; and

WHEREAS the Republican Party of Oklahoma states in its 2009 Platform "That government closest to the people governs best and is preferred to centralized control;" and

WHEREAS a representative government of the People, by the People and for the People depends upon free and open discussion of every idea submitted in the name of the People; and

WHEREAS government secrecy is "centralized control" and has resulted in political corruption and death without a committee hearing of valid legislation representing genuine concerns of the People; and

WHEREAS the People need to know how their elected representatives stand on all the issues brought before them to assure accountability; and

WHEREAS Oklahoma an unprecedented economic and currency crisis; and

WHEREAS we need a thorough and candid conversation of all citizens through their representatives to ascertain the causes and solutions of this crisis to reach a broad consensus for action;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT both the State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives pass permanent rule changes to assure that:

1. Every bill submitted by a Senator or Representative gets a fair hearing and a recorded vote in committee;
2. Every bill that passes through committee gets a fair hearing and a recorded vote on the floor of the body;
3. No political subterfuge or "hi jinks" interfere with complete Open Government and transparency in any way.

Submitted and Adopted by Precinct #\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
Oklahoma, Congressional District #\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_(date).

# Resolution to Strengthen Oklahoma Sovereignty

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land and Amendments IX and X to that Constitution reserve to the States and to the People all rights not “delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States;” and

WHEREAS the Oklahoma State Legislature passed State Sovereignty Resolutions introduced by State Representative Charles Key in 1994 and 2009, and

WHEREAS the Oklahoma State House of Representatives passed the Oklahoma State Sovereignty Act introduced by State Representative Charles Key in 1995 requiring the escrowing of federal tax funds by the State for the purpose of withholding them in the event of an encroachment of Oklahoma’s Sovereignty, and

WHEREAS Article IV, Section IV of the Constitution of the United States guarantees a republican form of government to each of the several States and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma in Section IV-1 declares the separation and distinction of the powers of government, as the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial departments “and neither shall exercise the powers properly belonging to either of the others.”

WHEREAS Section V-1 of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma invests Legislative authority of the State in a Legislature, and

WHEREAS Section V-55 of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma prohibits the expenditure of State money without an appropriation by law and that law shall “distinctly specify the sum appropriated and the object to which it is to be applied”, and

WHEREAS Section II-2 lists as an inherent right to all persons “the enjoyment of the gains of their own industry”, and

WHEREAS the United States Congress has passed laws not in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States, such as a health care law requiring individual citizens to purchase health insurance or

pay a tax and that law requires implementation of that regulatory program by the State of Oklahoma, and FURTHERMORE has passed laws regulating firearms, requirements for security within Oklahoma's airports, and the collection of information about Oklahoma citizens beyond the powers delegated by the Constitution of the United States, and

WHEREAS Federal Executive Branch Departments have issued regulations mandating expenditures by the State of Oklahoma absent consent by the State Legislature, and

WHEREAS former Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry engaged in a Legislative act by submitting applications for federal funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on two separate occasions in 2009 and 2010 that obligated the State of Oklahoma to the expenditure of funds in particular ways and for a particular period and FURTHERMORE Governor Brad Henry tied the hands of a future Oklahoma State Legislature, and

WHEREAS the State of Oklahoma has entered into "Memorandums of Understanding" with foreign nations, other States, and entities through the actions of unelected State employees, absent Legislative authority,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Oklahoma calls upon elected officials within the State of Oklahoma, particularly those members of the Republican Party within the state in elected offices to take all necessary and appropriate actions to protect, strengthen, and maintain the integrity of the Sovereignty of the State, the inherent and Constitutional rights of its people, and to ensure compliance with spirit and letter of laws in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Oklahoma, including conducting research studies and investigations, and introducing and providing vigorous support for appropriate legislative measures.

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County, Oklahoma, Congressional District # \_\_\_\_\_, on  
\_\_\_\_\_ (date).

# Resolution Regarding REALID, RFID, Biometrics, Data Collection & Information Sharing

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land and Amendments IV, V, and VI to that Constitution guarantee citizens security of their person, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable search and seizure, against arrest without a warrant, due process, and right to trial by jury, and

WHEREAS Amendments IX and X to that Constitution reserve to the States and to the People all rights not “delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States;” and

WHEREAS the State of Oklahoma passed a law in 2007 prohibiting the implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, stating the law is, “inimical to the security and well-being of the people of Oklahoma...” and was / is a “violation of the principles of Federalism contained in the Tenth Amendment...” and FURTHERMORE that law calls for “any biometric data previously collected, obtained, or retained in connection with motor vehicle registration or operation...shall be retrieved and deleted from any all databases” and

WHEREAS the Oklahoma Department of Motor Vehicles began collecting fingerprints from some Oklahoma residents

WHEREAS former Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry vetoed HB2569 on April 28, 2010, a bill passed by the Oklahoma State Legislature, prohibiting the embedding of RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tracking tags into Oklahoma Driver’s Licenses and Identification Cards, and

WHEREAS the Oklahoma Department of Motor Vehicles has been collecting fingerprint images from Oklahoma citizens since 2007, which constitutes a violation of the aforementioned law, and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States under Article I, Section 10 prohibits States from entering into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation, and

WHEREAS law enforcement agencies within the State of Oklahoma have entered into Memorandums of Understanding with law enforcement entities outside of the state for the purposes of collecting, storing, and sharing information about the citizens of Oklahoma without their direct knowledge, consent, disclosure of the purpose, absent proof of probable cause, issuance of a lawfully constituted

warrant, and

FURTHERMORE such data and information collection, storage, and sharing is not transparently disclosed and the citizens of Oklahoma are unable to make a request from collectors pertaining to any information that may have been collected about themselves,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Oklahoma calls upon elected officials within the State of Oklahoma, and most particularly those members of the Republican Party within elected offices to take all necessary and appropriate actions to maintain the integrity of the Sovereignty of the State, the inherent and Constitutional rights of its people, and to ensure compliance with spirit and letter of laws in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Oklahoma, including conducting research studies and investigations, and introducing and providing vigorous support for appropriate legislative measures.

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# Resolution on the Sanctity of Life

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land, and the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment states that “No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.” and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma states in Section II-2 that “All persons have the inherent right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the enjoyment of the gains of their own industry”; and

WHEREAS one of the foundational documents in the creation of our nation, the Declaration of Independence, states that certain truths are held to be self-evident “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”; and

WHEREAS the Declaration also states “That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men”; and

WHEREAS through the use of abortion, the right to Life has not been secured, the right to Life has indeed been alienated, the right to Life has been deprived, and equal protection under the law has not been provided;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Oklahoma calls for the protection of Life to be a primary priority, essential to the pursuit of happiness and all other God-given and Constitutionally-protected liberties, and calls for the protection of life in all stages and a system of consequences to follow infringements on the protection and sanctity of life.

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Oklahoma, Congressional District # \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

# Resolution on Making Oklahoma the Freest State in the Nation

WHEREAS the Platform of the Republican Party of Oklahoma's Statement of Principles says:

We believe in limited government, individual liberty, and personal moral responsibility.

We believe Oklahoma should be a place of opportunity where people who work hard and abide by the rules can pursue their own dreams with a reasonable expectation of success;

It is the private sector and free market principles that best stimulate economic development; and

WHEREAS Governor Fallin's stated goal is a "pro-jobs, pro-growth agenda [to] build squarely on [her] vision of a vibrant business climate. A climate of enterprise where ideas flourish, new companies are created, existing companies are expanding and businesses from around the globe are locating to Oklahoma because this is where they can succeed;" and

WHEREAS Oklahoma government has grown far beyond the basic functions required for securing our life, liberty and property;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT both the State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives publicly make their goal to make Oklahoma's economy the most free market economy in the nation. This means that:

4. All government functions should be analyzed critically against the plumb-line of whether they inhibit economic freedom, entrepreneurship, property rights and any other requirements for lawful free markets;
5. All activities that violate these principles should be repealed;
6. All necessary government functions should be made as efficient as possible, reducing government employment, paperwork and unproductive regulations wherever possible;
7. Since small businesses are well-known to be the greatest source of job creation, special attention should be given to creating a special Incubation Zone for sole proprietorships. All barriers to adding the first several employees, e.g. the fees, taxes,

regulations, paperwork, workers' comp, unemployment compensation, etc., should be removed from the critical time when a growing business needs to add help, but too often doesn't because of all the hassle.

8. All taxes and fees should be rolled back to the bare minimum to reflect these objectives;
9. All encroachments by the Federal Government that go beyond the enumerated powers specified in the US Constitution should be nullified by proper invocation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Bill of Rights;
10. Any State Government activities necessitated by such overreaching Federal mandates shall be terminated within one legislative session.

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# More Resolution Ideas

## Border Security and Immigration

Reaffirm our continued opposition to illegal immigration; and call upon our State Legislatures and the United States Congress to implement legislation, as appropriate to each of their spheres in pursuance of the Constitution and in a manner that does not encroach upon the civil liberties of citizens, to effectively stem the tide of illegal aliens into this country, including legislation that will secure our borders and coastlines, enforce visa rules, requiring immigration officials to track visa holders and deport those who overstay their visas or otherwise violate U.S. law; and deny amnesty, so that illegal aliens are not rewarded for breaking our laws; and deny welfare and entitlements to illegal aliens, so that taxpayers are not saddled with the financial burden of illegal aliens who use our hospitals, schools, and social services; and clarify that Section 1 of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution does not grant citizenship by birth to those born to illegal aliens present in the United States; and pass immigration reform to create an efficient and fair system for those who are willing to enter our country legally and work for the American dream.

## Spending and Taxation

Government spending is out of control and needs to be reduced. Recommend reducing the tax burden of the American people and reigning in government spending. Further recommend abolishing the Internal Revenue Service and the repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Additionally recommend the elimination of the personal income tax, inheritance tax, gift tax, capital gains tax, corporate income tax, and payroll tax.

## Limited Government

Call for the abolishment of the Department of Education, the Federal Drug Administration, the Department of Energy, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and all other agencies and offices not expressly authorized to the United States by the Constitution. Note that a return of these duties to the several States and the people directly makes sense; reject the notion that Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution grants the United States Government authority to create such agencies and regulations.

## Right to Keep and Bear Arms

Restrictions and regulations on bearing arms from as early as 1934, such as registration requirements, bans on certain firearms, and restrictions on carrying, are not only in direct conflict with the explicit purposes of the 2nd Amendment but severely limit the actual effectiveness of bearing arms for both intended purposes stated above, and all such regulations make firearms less accessible to the law abiding public while criminals maintain greater access.

## Sound Money and the Federal Reserve

A responsible fiscal and monetary policy requires a stable commodity backed currency and a free market system of determining prices and wages. The Federal Reserve Act should be repealed, the federal reserve system abolished, competing currencies immediately legalized, and all records and data relating to the actions and decisions of the Federal Reserve Board, its related agencies, and the President's Working Group on Financial Markets be published and made immediately available for access and viewing by the People.

## Protect and Strengthen the Sovereignty of the United States of America

A persisting erosion of our national sovereignty via our federal government's transfer of its responsibilities to world governmental organizations and trade agreements such as the UN, the International Criminal Court (ICC), NAFTA, GATT, WTO, and CAFTA. Withdrawal from these organizations and trade agreements would ensure the freedom, independence, and prosperity of the People of the United States of America.