

Resolutions

**Passed at the NFRW 36th Biennial Convention
Kansas City, Missouri
October 2, 2011**

RESOLUTION 1

Defeat National Standards for State Schools

WHEREAS, The national standards-based “Common Core State Standards” initiative is the centerpiece of the Obama Administration’s agenda to centralize education decisions at the federal level;

WHEREAS, The Obama Administration is using the same model to take over education as it used for healthcare by using national standards and boards of bureaucrats whom the public didn’t elect and can’t fire or otherwise hold accountable;

WHEREAS, National standards remove authority from states over what is taught in the classroom and how it is tested, and undercut the principle of federalism on which our nation was founded;

WHEREAS, There is no constitutional or statutory authority for national standards, national curricula, or national assessments and in fact the federal government is expressly prohibited from endorsing or dictating state/local decisions about curricula; and

WHEREAS, The Obama Administration is attempting to evade constitutional and statutory prohibitions to move toward a nationalized public-school system by (1) funding to date more than \$345 million for the development of national curriculum and test questions, (2) tying national standards to the Race to the Top charter schools initiative in the amount of \$4.35 billion, (3) using the Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI) to pressure State Boards of Education to adopt national standards with the threat of losing Title 1 Funds if they do not, and (4) requesting Congress to include national standards as a requirement in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary School Act (No Child Left Behind);

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women at the 36th Biennial Convention September 29-October 2, 2011, ask their members to (1) contact their State Boards of Education members to request they retain control over academic standards, curriculum, instruction and testing, (2) ask their Members of Congress to (i) protect the constitutional and statutory prohibitions against the federal government endorsing or dictating national standards, (ii) refuse to tie national standards to any reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, (iii) defund “Race to the Top” money, and (iv) prohibit any more federal funds for the Common Core State Standards Initiative, including funds to assessment and curriculum writing consortia, and (3) spread the word about the threat of a federal government takeover of education.

Submitted by: Alabama Federation, Elois Zeanah, President

Co-Sponsors: Delaware, Georgia, Nebraska, Tennessee and Wisconsin Federations

RESOLUTION 2

Supporting Parental Rights Amendment (PRA)

A motion to refer Resolution #2 to the State Presidents for further study was passed.

Submitted by: Kansas Federation, Becky Johnson, President

Co-Sponsors: Alabama, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Wisconsin Federations

RESOLUTION 3

Supporting a Balanced Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, President Obama has increased the size of the national debt by over \$3 trillion since he has been in office which has increased the urgency for a serious solution to the debt crisis;

WHEREAS, The President and Congress are deadlocked as to how to decrease our spending; and

WHEREAS, The size of our national debt is unsustainable for current and future generations of Americans;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women in attendance at the 36th Biennial Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 2, 2011, wholeheartedly support a constitutional amendment calling for a Balanced Budget Amendment. We call on President Obama to join Congress to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution which would force Congress to spend only what the government takes in to get our fiscal house in order.

Submitted by: Sara Jo Odom, NFRW Legislative Committee Chairman

RESOLUTION 4

Supporting Statehood for Puerto Rico

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has been part of the United States for 113 years; and

WHEREAS, All those born in Puerto Rico are born United States citizens;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women meeting at their 36th Biennial Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 2, 2011, support statehood for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

RESOLUTION 5

Supporting Israel

WHEREAS, Israel is a vigorous democracy, unique in the Middle East;

WHEREAS, The United States and Israel have shared a special bond since the establishment of the Jewish state in 1948;

WHEREAS, The United States was the first country to recognize Israel, only 11 minutes after its founding; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Israel have developed a resilient friendship, based in large part on an unshakable dedication to common values, including commitment to democracy, the rule of law, freedom of religion and speech, and human rights;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women meeting at their 36th Biennial Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 2, 2011, pledge their support for Israel and call on President Obama and Congress to continue to honor and support our long-standing friendship with Israel and urge the President to cease his calls for Israel to draw back its borders to 1967 lines, which would weaken Israel's ability to defend itself.

RESOLUTION 6

Honoring the Biennial Convention Committee, Kansas City and the NFRW Staff

WHEREAS, The 36th Biennial Convention Committee, which included representatives of the Missouri Federation, the Kansas Federation, and the Nebraska Federation, and the National Federation of Republican Women's staff, have worked tirelessly and spent many long hours to ensure an outstanding convention experience for the attendees; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City has so graciously welcomed our 36th Biennial Convention;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women extends a huge thank you to the Convention Committee; the Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska Federations; the NFRW staff; and, Kansas City for making this 36th Biennial Convention, September 29-October 2, a memorable, fun and educational experience.

RESOLUTION 7

Courtesy Resolution for Downtown Marriott

WHEREAS, The Downtown Marriott has graciously hosted the National Federation of Republican Women's 36th Biennial Convention, September 29-October 2, 2011, in Kansas City, Missouri;

WHEREAS, The Downtown Marriott provided the members of NFRW with comfortable, beautiful, scenic rooms; and

WHEREAS, The Chefs of the Downtown Marriott served delicious meals for the Regents Event, as well as for the Opening Gala, Prayer Breakfast and awards luncheons to all of the Republican Women and their guests;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, for the 36th Biennial Convention expresses our utmost gratitude to the Manager and Staff of the Downtown Marriott for their tremendous display of Midwestern Hospitality.

RESOLUTION 8

Courtesy Resolution for Kansas City Convention Center

WHEREAS, The Kansas City Convention Center has hosted the business sessions and awards lunches of the National Federation of Republican Women's 36th Biennial Convention, October 1- 2, 2011, in Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas City Convention Center provided the members of NFRW with beautiful and comfortable meeting and luncheon facilities;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, on October 2, 2011, for the 36th Biennial Convention expresses our gratitude to the Management and Staff of the Kansas City Convention Center.

RESOLUTION 9

A Resolution Honoring the Leadership of the National Federation of Republican Women

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee provides inspiring and outstanding leadership to the National Federation of Republican Women;

WHEREAS, The Committee Chairs of the National Federation of Republican Women provide valuable assistance to the leadership in their pursuit of higher service and more effective government through professionalism and commitment; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has worked diligently during this biennium;

RESOLVED, That the members of the National Federation of Republican Women in session at the 36th

Biennial Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, salute and express appreciation for the excellent work and dedication of our leaders during this biennium.

RESOLUTION 10

A Resolution Honoring NFRW President Sue Lynch

WHEREAS, Sue Lynch was elected President of the National Federation of Republican Women at the 35th Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida, and assumed the position in January 2010;

WHEREAS, Sue has held numerous positions in the NFRW and served as president of the Wisconsin Federation of Republican Women from 1997 to 2001, and as president of two local clubs, freely giving of her time and efforts to elect Republican officials;

WHEREAS, Sue has served as a chief of staff and office manager for three Members of Congress and has been active in Republican politics for more than 30 years, including serving in the Department of Agriculture in the Reagan Administration;

WHEREAS, Sue's community activities include serving as president of Franciscan Skemp Auxiliary-Mayo Health System, state public policy chairman for Partners of the Wisconsin Hospital Association, Committee on Volunteer's Board Member for the American Hospital Association, volunteer for the American Cancer Society, and member of several community boards in the La Crosse area;

WHEREAS, Sue has established an NFRW presence on the Hill, meeting with many current Members of Congress;

WHEREAS, Under Sue's leadership, the NFRW has improved the dissemination of information and outreach programs, enhanced public relations and fundraising efforts, expanded national media exposure and the usage of new media tools such as Facebook and YouTube, collaborated with like-minded groups, and significantly increased membership numbers and clubs across the nation;

WHEREAS, Sue has served as a FOX News commentator, worked with Republicans in Canada to establish a federated club according to NFRW Bylaws, served as a trainer in Nigeria for the International Republican Institute, and traveled to Israel with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Sue will have visited state federations and local clubs in 45 states by the end of her term, thus bringing the NFRW to the local Republican woman;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women meeting at the 36th Biennial Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, thanks President Sue Lynch for her years of dedication to our organization, her unlimited energy and never-ending enthusiasm for Republican politics and Republican Women.

Submitted by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, October 2, 2011.

Linda K. Smith, Kansas, Chairman

Jennie Frederick, Wisconsin, Vice Chairman

Jan Hermsmeyer, Arizona