

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTIONS FORM

March 1, 2016 Precinct Caucus

STEPS TO CHANGE THE PLATFORM of the REPUBLICAN PARTY of MINNESOTA:

- Resolutions that are passed at the Precinct Caucus will be forwarded to the 2016 BPOU Convention.
The BPOU Convention votes on these Resolutions, requiring a simple majority to pass.
Resolutions that are passed at the BPOU Convention are then to be forwarded to the 2016 Congressional District Convention where they are voted on; a simple majority is required to pass.
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Resolutions that are passed at the 2016 State Convention are incorporated into the Standing Platform of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

The Standing Platform of the Republican Party of Minnesota has 11 PLANKS. Before writing your proposed Resolution, indicate to which PLANK your Resolution pertains (review the accompanying Standing Platform for current wording of the standing planks). If you feel your resolution does not fit in a specific plank, check the "OTHER" option:

- Promote Economic Prosperity
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Protect Our Health Care
Educate Our Children
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Protect Public Safety
Strengthen the Rule of Law
X Enjoy and Protect Our Natural Resources
Make Government Smaller and Better
Defend America at Home and Abroad
Commendatory
Other

A maximum-5-minute discussion, pro and con alternately, will commence. A vote will take place and if passed, this Resolution will be forwarded to the BPOU Convention. Give your resolution to the Secretary after voting.

I move that this precinct caucus support the following change to the above plank (1 of the 11 must be checked): (use back if more space needed)

1) the repeal of laws that allow recreational hunting and trapping of wolves; 2) legislation to implement non-lethal techniques to prevent livestock-wolf conflicts; and 3) educational efforts to increase public tolerance of wolves.

Submitted by: Phone(s):

BPOU: Precinct:

RESOLUTION: Passed: Defeated:

Secretary's signature:

WHEREAS, Minnesotans (Native-American and non-Native American alike) consider wolves to be an iconic animal, of great spiritual and cultural significance, similar to the federally-protected bald eagle; and,

WHEREAS, the wolf was on the first list of species protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and,

WHEREAS, although the Endangered Species Act is responsible for the wolf's current existence, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is likely to remove the wolf from the U.S. endangered species list and place the wolf under the jurisdiction of the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; and,

WHEREAS, with the wolf under State of Minnesota jurisdiction, there will be pressure to open a recreational wolf hunting and trapping season, which the large majority of Minnesotans oppose; and,

WHEREAS, human-caused mortality is the most limiting factor for wolf recovery; and,

WHEREAS, recreational hunting and trapping of wolves have unintended consequences that recklessly risk the wolf population, such as: (1) decreasing genetic diversity; (2) increasing livestock predation; (3) increasing wolf mortality for those that survive the hunt; and (4) enabling the continuation of wolf persecution; and,

WHEREAS, after federal delisting, Minnesota already has liberal laws in place to address wolf conflicts. Minnesota Statute 97B.671 allows wolves to be baited and killed - after the fact – for mere suspicion of predation on livestock. Minnesota Statute 97B.645 allows a person to kill a wolf, at any time of the year and without a permit: (1) in defense of human life; or (2) if the wolf poses an immediate threat to livestock, a guard animal, or a domestic animal; and

WHEREAS, wolves have much greater value to our state alive. As an apex predator, wolves are vital for a healthy ecosystem. They attract visitors from all over the world, who value Minnesota's strong advocacy for wolves, and seek the experience of wolf habitat, such as viewing signs of wolves or experiencing the unforgettable sound of howling wolves.

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the party's ongoing platform is amended to add the following language under the Plank of Enjoy and Protect Our Natural Resources: "We oppose: ... Any effort by Congress to either: (1) exempt any animal or plant from protection under the Endangered Species Act; or (2) overturn a court decision that protects an animal or plant species under the Endangered Species Act."

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WHEREAS, in 1973 Congress passed and President Nixon signed the Endangered Species Act, which provides animals and plants with the last legal protection before they become extinct;

WHEREAS, federal agencies work with states, Indian tribes, and local partners to administer the Endangered Species Act;

WHEREAS, decisions under the Endangered Species Act are subject to review by federal courts;

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2011, Congress for the first time ever caused the removal of protections for an endangered species by attaching a 10-line rider to a 175-page budget bill, which stripped Endangered Species Act protections for gray wolves in all of Montana, Idaho, the eastern third of Washington and Oregon, and a small portion of northern Utah; and

WHEREAS, US Senators and Representatives have threatened legislation to exempt other species or distinct populations from any protection under the Endangered Species Act, thereby preempting the scientific analysis and judicial review necessary to make sound decisions in the best interests of the species.