

Proposed Resolution 2022-08

A resolution asserting the GOP has a right to select primary nominees

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To be presented by _____

1 **WHEREAS** the right of association is inherent to all free individuals and also inherent to private
2 groups including political parties;

3 **WHEREAS** the Idaho Republican Party have a right to choose our preferred nominees for
4 candidacy to political office, and the party currently chooses to do so through registered party
5 members voting on the government-provided primary ballot in May of election years;

6 **WHEREAS** multiple media outlets in Idaho have recently published articles actively encouraging
7 Democrats and Independents to fraudulently register as Republicans in order to sabotage
8 Republican voters' right to choose their own nominees; and

9 **WHEREAS** this dishonest and unethical behavior is being encouraged by Republican party critics
10 such as Jim Jones, Bob Kustra, and others, and amplified by media outlets across the state who
11 are unfriendly to the Republican party and eager to report these dissenting opinions:

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee calls
13 upon the state party chairman to publicly denounce such dishonest behavior by certain Idaho
14 media outlets through the issuance of public statements, press releases, and written letters to
15 the media outlets publishing such encouragement;

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Bonneville County Republican Central Committee reaffirms
17 that the state party organization is to be neutral in candidate nomination contests – allowing
18 Republican voters to freely choose their own nominees. State party leadership should neither
19 denounce candidates seeking a Republican nomination nor allow candidates to benefit from
20 dishonest sabotage by those not correctly affiliated with the party; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Idaho Republican State Central Committee encourage all
22 party officials in Idaho to work for adjustments to procedures, by-laws, and primary
23 nominations processes that would better protect Republican voters' inherent right to select
24 their own nominees free of dishonest interlopers.