

Approved Preamble & Principles 2013 TULSA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM

Preamble:

America is at a turning point in history between liberty and tyranny. As Republicans we pledge to work for increasing individual liberty and decreasing government interference in free enterprise and in the daily lives of free people.

Statement of Principles:

"God who gave us life gave us liberty." - Thomas Jefferson

We believe individual rights of life, liberty and property come from Nature and Nature's God and governments form, and laws exist, to protect these human rights.

We believe the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America together establish the supreme basis of the Rule of Law for the nation and all subsequent judicial rulings must be subject to both those foundational documents as originally intended.

We believe in equal justice and opportunity for all human life regardless of age, race, creed, sex or disability from conception to natural death.

We believe the strength of our constitutional republic lies with the individual and that each person must be honored.

We welcome legal immigration and recognize the tremendous benefits new immigrants contribute to America. We oppose illegal immigration, and call for effective immigration policies.

We believe the government has a duty to hold secure our national borders.

We believe the proper role of government is to provide only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations. State and local governments should address challenges without excessive federal influence, regulation or restriction.

We believe government must practice fiscal responsibility and reduce its tax demands.

We believe America should peacefully work to expand peace, freedom, individual liberty and human rights throughout the world.

We believe government must not dictate faith or morality to citizens or prevent the free exercise of individual faith, or no faith, by any individual.

We believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government and, as Republicans, we pledge our elected party leadership will always work to keep the party neutral in primaries, promote Republican principles, be helpful in general elections and not use their positions for personal gain.