

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY TO HONOR JACK HAWKE

WHEREAS, Jack Hawke was the longest serving North Carolina State Republican Party Chairman from 1987 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hawke helped elect every Republican governor since Reconstruction and assisted several that tried; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hawke spent his entire life making a positive difference and touching the lives of others through coaching and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Jack Hawke transformed the party with an encyclopedic knowledge of state politics and political acumen; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hawke was a true political genius changing the face of North Carolina politics; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hawke never forgot an injured team mate and took great pains to help them; and

Whereas, Jack Hawke never let past intra-party battles keep him from making common cause with former opponents in advancing the Republican banner; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hawke was FAN-TASTIC! Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the North Carolina Republican Party would like to recognize and honor the late Jack Hawke for his historic accomplishments, and leadership of the Republican Party in North Carolina. A copy of this resolution will be presented to the Hawke family at a suitable occasion.

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF ROBYNN SPENCE

WHEREAS, Ms. Robynn Lowe Spence was born in North Augusta, South Carolina on June 15, 1967 and was raised in Charlotte, North Carolina. Robynn graduated Mecklenburg High School in 1984 and attended Central Piedmont Community College and Isothermal Community College in Spindale, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Robynn began work at Mecklenburg County Clerk of Courts Office from 1990-1993 and moved to Rutherfordton, North Carolina to begin work at Rutherford County Clerk of Court from 1993-2002. Robynn also worked for Rutherford County Sheriff's Office from 2002-2006, the Peter Lane Law Office from 2002-2004, and the Rutherford County Department of Social Services from 2004-2008; and

WHEREAS, Robynn was an active member of the Rutherford County Republican Party and member of Big Springs Baptist Church in Ellenboro, North Carolina. In 2008, with the support of many friends and her family, Robynn ran for Rutherford County Clerk of Court and won being the first Republican Woman Clerk of Court in the county; and

WHEREAS, Robynn passed away suddenly on February 16, 2014 at the age of 46 survived by her daughters, Savanna Spence of Rutherfordton, and Britt Nabors of Charlotte; her sister, Nikki Floyd of Lincolnton; her brother, Brett Lowe of Monroe; and her fiancée, Chadd Murray; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Robynn will always be remembered by her hard work and dedication she provided to Rutherford County as their Clerk of Court, and by the Rutherford County Republican Party.

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND THE RIGHTS OF WE THE PEOPLE

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States states that, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Article 1, Section 30, of the North Carolina State Constitution, in similar language, also articulates the right to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, upon taking office, state and local elected representatives, police departments and sheriff offices, and other local civil servants must solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and promise to be "faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina.."

UNDERSTANDING, that each one of the first ten amendments (known as the Bill of Rights) holds a particularly significant LIMITATION on the function of the federal government, not a check on the people, as proclaimed in its Preamble: "The Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire to add further declaratory and restrictive clauses in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, to extend public confidence in the Government, and to best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution.";

KNOWING, that the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States does not establish the right to keep and bear arms but merely recognizes it and protects it from government regulation. Indeed, none of the provisions of the Constitution establish any "natural" rights. They recognize such rights. These rights, as proclaimed "to a candid world" in the Declaration of Independence, are "self-evident." And therefore, any action by a government body that attempts to repeal or burden these provisions would not end such rights; and

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers have written that an armed citizenry was necessary to allow citizens to protect themselves from an overbearing or tyrannical government; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in recent months has twice upheld the Second Amendment as applying to individuals' right to keep and bear arms [District of Columbia v. Heller (2008) and McDonald v. Chicago (2010)]; and

KNOWING, that there have been many attempts to infringe upon the right to keep and bear arms by describing firearms restrictions as necessary crime-prevention and public-safety measures; and

UNDERSTANDING, that more than 99.8 percent of all lawfully owned firearms in America will not be used in crime in any given year and that firearms are used for the defense of person, family and property more than one million times each year; and

WHEREAS, such infringements as gun registration, banning certain kinds of weapons and accessories, requiring extreme background checks, restricting the bearing of arms such as excessive restrictions on concealed carry and possibly other restrictions, have not been shown by the substantial weight of scientific evidence to have been effective in accomplishing the stated objectives of such restrictions as compelling necessities for government action to protect the public safety. We understand that firearms restrictions tend to impede the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves against criminals, who account for most gun violence; and such laws assume the guilt of all firearm owners without addressing those who misuse and criminally abuse firearms, contrary to our legal justice system which assumes innocence until proven guilty; and,

THE NC GOP TAKES PARTICULAR NOTICE of the "social entrapment" that the federal government has been engaging in for many years in order to disarm Americans of their rights to govern themselves, to express their religious beliefs, and to defend themselves. This "social entrapment" belies the origins of such atrocities, which are rooted in the rejection of God in the public square as well as public schools, the destruction of the family unit, and the rejection of morality as the backbone of our nation and her people. Such morality must lead inevitably to the protection of life for the unborn, as well as the living, by recognizing that the first principle of Natural Law is peace through self preservation when

absolutely necessary. Such infringements by others should never be used to justify legislative attempts to curtail the rights of the people;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NC GOP rejects further restrictive firearms laws that only serve to limit law abiding citizens in the exercise of their Constitutionally guaranteed rights while having no effect on the activities of the criminal element in our society and fully supports a full and expansive interpretation of the Second Amendment, that the right to protect oneself is a natural right and not one that is defined or limited by the federal government, which includes carrying concealed weapons ;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NC GOP takes the position that all federal acts, laws, executive orders, agency orders, and rules or regulations of all kinds with the purpose, intent, or effect of confiscating any firearm, banning any firearm, limiting the size of a magazine for any firearm, imposing any limit on the ammunition that may be purchased for any firearm, taxing any firearm or ammunition therefore, or requiring the registration of any firearm or ammunition therefore, infringes upon North Carolinians' right to bear arms in direct violation of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and therefore, any such law is not made in pursuance of the Constitution, is not authorized by the Constitution, and thus, is not the supreme law of the land, and consequently, is invalid in the State of North Carolina and shall be further considered null and void.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NC Republican Party Chairman and Central Committee shall upon adoption of this Resolution, disseminate copies of said Resolution to the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, the North Carolina House and Senate Republican Caucuses and anticipate compliance, cooperation and enforcement of said Resolution to the best of their abilities.

RESOLUTION OF THE NC REPUBLICAN PARTY DENOUNCING THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY'S (NSA) UNCONSTITUTIONAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM AND CONFISCATION OF PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

WHEREAS the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides: *"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."*; and

WHEREAS Article I, Sect. 21 ("General Warrant") of the constitution of the state of North Carolina provides: "General warrants, whereby any officer or other person may be commanded to search suspected places without evidence of the act committed, or to seize any person or persons not named, whose offense is not particularly described and supported by evidence, are dangerous to liberty and shall not be granted."; and

WHEREAS these provisions, both federal and state, are grounded in the right of an individual to "retreat into his home" and thereby be free from government intrusion. A man's home should be his castle; and

WHEREAS these provisions recognize that citizens have a reasonable expectation of privacy in their person, their home, their papers, their computers, etc so that the government cannot detain a person without probable cause nor seize his or her personal effects to examine them or to find any instance of wrongdoing after the fact. In other words, a person has the reasonable expectation to enjoy his or her privacy without the feeling that someone or government is watching over him. This is the very essence of freedom; and

WHEREAS each one of the first ten amendments (known as the Bill of Rights) holds a particularly significant LIMITATION on the function of the federal government, as proclaimed in its Preamble: "The Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire to add further declaratory and restrictive clauses in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, to extend public confidence in the Government, and to best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution."; and

WHEREAS the Fourth Amendment, as is every other amendment comprising the Bill of Rights, is meant to be a check on the government by the People and not a check on the people by the government; and

WHEREAS the test for the Fourth Amendment is "reasonableness," and it would seem that an amendment that protects the People should have that term defined by the People (and not the federal government). The people, therefore, must be heard; and

WHEREAS the secret surveillance program called PRISM targets, among other things, the communications of U.S. citizens on a vast scale and monitors searching habits of virtually every American on the internet; and

WHEREAS this dragnet program is, as far as we know, the largest surveillance effort ever launched by a democratic government against its own citizens, consisting of the mass acquisition of Americans' call details encompassing all wireless and land-line subscribers of the country's three largest phone companies; and

WHEREAS every time an American citizen makes a phone call, the NSA gets a record of the location, the number called, the time of the call and the length of the conversation; all of which are an invasion into the personal lives of American citizens that violates the protections of the Fourth Amendment; and

WHEREAS the NSA monitors the phone records of billions of Americans each month and has already confiscated millions of such records; and

WHEREAS unwarranted government surveillance is an intrusion on basic human rights that threatens the very foundations of a democratic society; this program represents a gross infringement of the freedom of association, the

exercise of free speech and expression, the right to privacy, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS this program goes far beyond even the permissive limits set by the Patriot Act since the Patriot Act was passed as a response to the horrific events of 9/11 and classified those persons or communications which can be targeted for surveillance by the government (NSA) as those “relating to terrorism”; and

WHEREAS Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wi), an author of the Patriot Act and Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee at the time Section 215 was passed (“Access to Records and Other Items Under FISA”; aka, “the Surveillance Program) called Section 215 surveillance program “an abuse of that law,” writing that, “based on the scope of the released order, both the administration and the FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) court are relying on an unbounded interpretation of the act that Congress never intended.”

WHEREAS The NC GOP denounces government policies that takes God out of schools, God out of society, morality out of the legislative process, conscience out of the bedroom, and accountability out of personal conduct, and also turns its back on border control and the infiltration of individuals that mean us and our country harm while at the same time creating safe havens and sanctuaries by embracing political correctness, and then has the audacity to use the consequences of such policies as the basis for increased government control, regulation, and surveillance. A free people shouldn't have to live under the threat that at any time we are breaking one federal law or another or sending “red flags” (whatever they may be defined to be) to the government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The NCGOP acknowledges that American citizens, whom the government has pledged to protect from terrorist activities, now find themselves the victims of the very weapon designed to uproot their enemies; And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCGOP encourages Republican lawmakers to enact legislation to amend Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act, the State Secrets Privilege (SSP - which is a common law privilege originating in England that of course was embraced by the Supreme Court in 1953 that allows the head of an executive department to REFUSE to produce evidence in a court case on the grounds that the evidence is secret information that would harm national security or foreign relation interests if disclosed), and the FISA Amendments Act to make it clear that blanket surveillance of the Internet activity, phone records and correspondence – electronic, physical, and otherwise - of any person residing in the U.S. is prohibited by an express constitutional prohibition (the Fourth Amendment) law and that violations can be reviewed in adversarial proceedings before a public court; And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCGOP encourages Republican law makers to call for a special committee to investigate, report, and reveal to the public the extent of the NSA's domestic spying and the committee should create specific recommendations for legal and regulatory reform to end unconstitutional surveillance as well as hold accountable those public officials who are found to be responsible for this unconstitutional surveillance; And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCGOP calls upon Republican lawmakers to immediately take action to halt current unconstitutional surveillance programs and provide a full public accounting of the NSA's data collection programs; And

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NCGOP stands firm in its position that Americans should NOT have to tolerate Big Brother watching over them. The hallmark of American society is individual freedom. This country fought for its independence from England because through England's laws and scheme of control, it made the exercise of their freedom nearly impossible and made their lives intolerable. We have to recognize that our current government is heading in the same direction.

REPEAL AND REPLACE THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT/OBAMACARE

WHEREAS, we are now more than four years into the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)/Obamacare healthcare “reform” and there is abundant evidence that what we have is no reform. The PPACA, best known as Obamacare, is the epitome of centralized government inertia, incompetence, and abuse. A swelling tidal wave of information carries the story of how PPACA harms patients, is unaffordable, does not increase coverage to the uninsured, and threatens the future of North Carolina and the United States of America. This starkly contrasts with the traditional American concept of liberty, as well as free-market reforms, which aim to make true and effective healthcare widely available, as has been offered by the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence establishes the moral and legal foundation of the United States, proclaiming, “. . . 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. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

WHEREAS, PPACA/Obamacare is widely seen by the people as violating the limits set on our federal government by The Constitution of the United States specifically Article 1, Section 8, First Amendment, Tenth Amendment, and Thirteenth Amendment, to name a few.

WHEREAS, contrary to the stated promises and goals of PPACA/Obamacare to deliver better healthcare at reduced cost and to provide health insurance to the uninsured, millions of Americans have experienced the loss of health plan coverage, access to preferred doctors, hospitals, and necessary treatments; massive health insurance premium increases; pervasive intrusion into private healthcare decisions and records; and coercion in matters of conscience and religious beliefs, in violation of the First Amendment. After this massive and tumultuous Obamacare overhaul, Americans have much fewer healthcare options and choices, and, moreover, there will continue to be millions of Americans with no coverage at all. The PPACA has placed the federal bureaucracy between the doctor and the patient and will adversely affect the care of the individual

WHEREAS, PPACA/Obamacare hobbles our economy as it produces endless mandates and trillions of dollars of unsustainable tax-and-spending increases. Numerous government boards, agencies, and commissions are created and empowered. Bureaucrats churn out thousands of regulations which burden both businesses and individuals. The scandal-ridden Internal Revenue Service, a key component of the PPACA/Obamacare, has been given enforcement power over our healthcare decisions. Furthermore, a system of “involuntary servitude” which is prohibited by the Thirteenth Amendment, and other parts of the Constitution, is created by the PPACA/Obamacare scheme. This creates fear and uncertainty, which serve to disrupt commerce and the lives of the people; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to The Constitution of the United States states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Article 1, Section 8 does not provide to the federal government the power or authority to control the private healthcare decisions of the American people. The centrally controlled PPACA/Obamacare tramples our liberty and does incalculable damage to human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Republicans believe that a smaller and simpler organization, which is capable of performing a task as well as a large organization, should always be the first choice. This is the supporting structure of limited government and personal freedom; it encourages and protects local and individual control. We oppose the centralization and bureaucracy of the Welfare State, which is represented by PPACA/Obamacare; and

WHEREAS, Republicans not only seek repeal of PPACA/Obamacare; rather, we propose specific actions and principles to truly improve healthcare and enhance freedom. Charity and community flourish with a strong dose of traditional American liberty as described below;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Republican Party believes that our lives and our health are the most personal and important possessions; and, therefore, our lives and our healthcare must be under our individual control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that centralization and bureaucracy, which are at the heart of PPACA/Obamacare, are in opposition to free market principles and thus will limit choice and innovation in healthcare; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, major change must not be forced on us from a government authority. Alternatively, we the people must choose what is best for us and our families and then build on proven success rather than the promises or whims of those in power; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, each individual must own and control their personal medical information. The federal government should not be permitted access to the people's private medical information. Advances in medical information technology for the sake of efficiency must not compromise privacy of medical information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the citizens of North Carolina, and their duly elected officials, as well as the other states of our nation, should be accorded maximum flexibility to develop suitable healthcare programs to serve citizens of their state, if they so choose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all employers and individuals must be free to purchase insurance coverage consistent with their moral and religious beliefs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, healthcare professionals are the foundation upon which healthcare service rests. To improve efficient practice and service, we must curtail frivolous and unnecessary litigation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Republican Party believes a competitive market-driven healthcare system should prevail, which gives no favor to special interests. This will enhance the quantity and quality of opportunities for those who buy and sell healthcare services, as well as preserve and protect a free nation.

RESOLUTION DEMANDING ANSWERS AND ACCOUNTABILITY BY THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE DEATHS OF 4 AMERICANS in BENGHAZI

Whereas, on September 11, 2012, four Americans – Ambassador Chris Stevens, Foreign Service Officer Sean Smith, and former Navy SEALs Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods - were brutally murdered in a terrorist attack on the United States diplomatic facility and on American personnel in Benghazi, Libya; and

Whereas, over 15 months later, the American people have still not received any information as to why military assistance was not rendered and why forces that were willing and ready to fly into Benghazi were told to stand down; and

Whereas, over 15 months later, there has still been no action of reprisal and no justice rendered upon the assailants, even though President Obama declared in his first address to the Nation after news of the attack was received: “Make no mistake, we will work with the Libyan government to bring to justice the killers who attacked our people;” and

Whereas, since the very night of the attack, the White House has maneuvered to prevent the truth from emerging on the nature of the attack and why four Americans were left to be slaughtered; and

Whereas, whistleblowers, including former Deputy Chief of Mission to Libya Gregory Hicks, have reported unwarranted repercussions and fear of retaliation by the Obama administration; and

Whereas, the Department of State’s lack of adequate cooperation has prevented congressional committees from properly investigating and receiving direct testimony from the Benghazi survivors; and

Whereas, the People of the United States have a right to know what the President, the State Department, and the Department of Defense knew and when they knew it, why they intentionally declined to send aid to fellow Americans, and why they have intentionally sought to frustrate an investigation into the events of that fateful night.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NC Republican Party takes the position that the intentional lack of cooperation, honesty, and good faith by the Obama administration with respect to the death of fellow Americans indicates the highest level of dishonesty on the part of the President. We have seen the same degree of dishonesty in two presidents before him – Richard Nixon (who resigned rather than face pending impeachment charges and likely removal from office) and Bill Clinton (who was impeached by the House for perjury and obstruction of justice). Impeachment is the proper action when the President of the United States conducts himself, in the performance of his duties, with such a level of dishonesty that it disgraces the office, impugns the reputation of the United States, and damages the trust that the American People are entitled to have in their government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government’s failure to hold accountable the perpetrators of the vicious terrorist attack of September 12, 2012 will leave terrorists around the world with the impression that they can kill Americans and escape the consequence. It will thereby embolden terrorist organizations and increase the likelihood of future attacks against our country, against our military and other public servants, and against our citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NC Republican Party supports the recent forming of the Select Committee to investigate the happenings in Benghazi to discern the truths that evening.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NC Republican Party supports a resolution by the US House of Representatives to demand that the president answer where he was on the night of the attack, and what part he played in telling forces to stand down. It would also call upon the government of the State of North Carolina to support said resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NC Republican Party Chairman and Central Committee shall upon adoption of this Resolution, disseminate copies of said Resolution to the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, the North Carolina House and Senate Republican Caucuses and anticipate full compliance, cooperation and enforcement of said Resolution to the best of their abilities.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NORTH CAROLINA'S EXERCISE OF SOVEREIGNTY REGARDING EDUCATION

WHEREAS efforts to move forward with a privately operated social experiment on North Carolina's children, parents, and public education; created by Achieve.Inc, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the National Governor's Association, and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), formally known as the Common Core State Standards, has now been brought under state review. And

WHEREAS the CCSSO, which receives over half of its operational funding from dues paid by member states, with an expectation that feedback would be encouraged and curriculum review would be provided; has in fact FAILED to provide or disclose the proposed curriculum prior to financially coerced adoption and failed to integrate feedback from attending and involved state specialists. And

WHEREAS the aforementioned coercion comes in the form of Federal school funds, properly known as Title 1, now being tied to State cooperation, as directed by the Obama administration; and additionally noting that the \$15 to \$17 billion dollar adoption price-tag is financially unsustainable. And

WHEREAS field testing and generational studies do not exist for this curriculum, as it was derived and extracted from calculated reports and job skill-sets as provided by invested 3rd party companies. And

WHEREAS this public's function, which would normally be subject to sunshine laws and FOIA requests, is in fact sheltered under the auspice of being a non-profit organization. And

WHEREAS closer examination of Common Core reveals that contractors from Pearson Inc., a UK corporation with ties to the Gates Foundation, have ALREADY monopolized education markets in Texas and New York, and have been involved with Common Core for many years; specializing in the sale of education equipment, that as a matter of fact the curriculum was initially modeled on. And

WHEREAS North Carolina has signed a contract to use this equipment itself, and began training teachers over the past 2 years by entering into the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) which has no North Carolina legislative oversight; and to elaborate, the SBAC is group of states working together to develop a set of assessments that measure whether students are on track to be successful in college and their careers, allowing the consortium to collect longitudinal data on children and their parents that is designed to be passed on to multi-state organizations, many of which are private invested entities. And

WHEREAS not only has empirical evidence never been found that indicates centralized education standards result in higher student achievement, but as a matter of well known fact, the benchmarks that would be used to measure said Successes are manipulated standards comparing radically different testing criteria and student demographics. And

WHEREAS the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is already in place, allowing comparisons of academic achievement to be made across states without the necessity of imposing national standards or assessments, and

WHEREAS the copyright contract between North Carolina and Common Core, as well as North Carolina and the SBAC are in fact able to be revoked. And

WHEREAS three federal laws explicitly prohibit the United States government from funding, directing, validating, or controlling any nationalized standards, testing, or curriculum; those laws being the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) of 1970, and the legislation that established the United States Department of Education (USED) in 1979. And

WHEREAS the NC General Assembly: Common Core Study Commission recognizes that the Common Core State

Standards are not right for North Carolina, as presented in their Final Report on April 24, 2014, a report that includes a Bill to remove Common Core from our General Statutes and create a new commission to establish a North Carolina State curriculum, And

WHEREAS among the members of this new commission is listed the residing Superintendent of Public Instruction, who is currently Dr. June Atkinson; our Superintendent for the Dept. of Public Instruction, who has elected to work hand in hand with the development of Common Core for her term in office, as well as choosing to operate the President-Election for the CCSSO, which co-owns the copyrights to Common Core.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the NCGOP recognizes and opposes the cooperative governance agreements that were written by the US Department of Education for the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), reaffirming the 2012 Republican Party Platform: Do not believe in a one size fits all approach to education and support providing broad education choices to parents and children at the state and local level, which is best based on a free market approach to education for students to achieve individual excellence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCGOP understands the CCSS to represent an open-ended threat to our State sovereignty, school integrity, and economic stability; noting evidence that such standards were produced with the best interests of involved businesses and private organizations in mind instead of the children of North Carolina; which without being tested, and working against the recommendation of experts on its own review committee, would serve to reduce our children to experimental test subjects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCGOP calls for the NCGA to withdraw from the SBAC, release NC out of licensing and certifications processes that the CCSS impose, and in addition calls for ending contracts and agreements with all consortium promoting the implementation of outside standards or CCSS and assessments (such as SBAC). Ending these consortium agreements or relationships should include withdrawing from spending taxpayers' money for software systems that implement leading educators, universities, researchers, policymakers, community groups, and stakeholders in a consensus-driven process to push citizens or students in our society to thrive within a guise of a Knowledge-driven global economy. Our students and our society need to be NC citizens working in a global economy, not driven by an agenda to use Federal Government funding and PPP's (Public Private Partnerships) to produce global citizen workforce in a NC economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCGOP, concerning itself with the financial weight of any such federal grant program, which historically leave the local tax-payer to suffer after initial implementation while providing no discernible benefit that North Carolina could not achieve on its own at a fraction of the cost; reaffirms the authorities awarded to county Boards of Education through our state's Local Control model, and encourages State legislatures to promote the authorities of the County boards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We commend the NCGA Common Core Study Committee for recognizing the danger of Common Core to our children, and call upon our General Assembly to pass the bill produced by the Common Core Study Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, because of her involvement with the organizations that are bidding for service, that service being now thrown into question, we call for any of Dr. Atkinson's involvement in the new state curriculum to be limited and perhaps ceded for the sake of impartiality, furthermore calling for any suggested cooperation with the SBAC to be investigated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We call upon our Chairman to ensure a copy of this resolution is disseminate to Dr. June Atkinson; Senators and Representatives of the General Assembly; Governor Pat McCrory; Lt. Governor Dan Forest; NC State Board of Education Chair William Cobey; NC County Superintendents; NC County School Boards members; and to the media outlets that serve our State.

RESOLUTION ADDRESSING “ILLEGAL” IMMIGRATION

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence establishes our God given rights of, “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” and the Constitution, by establishing a rule of law, insures that those rights are protected even from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the beginning of the Preamble of the Constitution clearly states who gives authority to the government and in whom the rights established in the Constitution belong to. It is “We the People of the United States” who establish the government; and

WHEREAS, While there are only two specific references in the Constitution to immigration (under the term “naturalization”), there is clear evidence from the Framers as to what they intended concerning the rights of the people who live in this country and how those rights affect immigrants both legal and illegal; and

WHEREAS, the two references in the Constitution that specifically mention “naturalization” are found: (1) in Article I, Section 8, which delegates to Congress the authority and responsibility “To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization” (i.e., it is the responsibility of Congress to establish all laws and rules of naturalization or immigration) and (2) in the 14th Amendment, which states that “All persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside”; and

WHEREAS, the term “naturalization” refers to the legal act or process by which a citizen of another country may acquire citizenship or nationality of the United States. (It may be done by a statute, without any effort on the part of the individual, or it may involve an application and approval by legal authorities); and

WHEREAS, the intent of Congress in submitting the 14th Amendment was that only citizens of the United States, whether born or naturalized, are entitled to or granted the rights and privileges that are available here in this country; and

WHEREAS, while Congress has the Constitutional authority to establish laws of naturalization or immigration it does not have a true Constitutional authority to create blanket legislation that allows non-citizens the rights of born or naturalized Americans. In other words amnesty is technically unconstitutional because it bypasses the laws which are established for immigrants to become American citizens; and

WHEREAS, this does not mean that those who immigrate legally to the United States are treated as second class people or that the laws that protect our citizens whether civil or criminal do not afford the same protections and freedoms to all whether citizen or legal immigrant;

WHEREAS, anyone who enters in or resides in this country has the privilege given by the authority of the people to share in our freedoms and rights. Citizenship, however, is not a right that is given nor the privileges of citizenship to any immigrant whether legal or illegal until they have been established by the laws of naturalization as Americans;

WHEREAS, birth entitles Americans to the right of citizenship, the right of citizenship to those who immigrate to this country MUST be given by the rule of law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NC Republican Party acknowledges that the Framers of our Constitution made it very clear that the law must first be satisfied before the rights of citizenship are available. Each Constitutional reference to our rights and privileges are for the people who are the citizens only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NC Republican Party believes the federal government has willingly, intentionally, negligently, and unconstitutionally ignored its responsibilities with respect to immigration into the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NC Republican Party believes that the federal government's insistence on preemption in the area of immigration, its lack of a meaningful and effective immigration policy, its tolerance of sanctuary cities, and its talk of amnesty presents a double standard to all those who live as one under the "Rule of Law" in the United States (while all American citizens are required to obey the law and are harassed and punished by the government when they fail to do so others who come here to make the US their home and outwardly reject our laws are given a pass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NC Republican Party takes the position as long as there are "magnets" and sanctuary, the lawless condition known as illegal immigration will continue to present a problem in the United States in general and in North Carolina in particular;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NC Republican Party supports the following policy with respect to immigration:

- (a) English should be mandated as the official language of NC;
- (b) ALL companies doing business in North Carolina, both public and private, should become E-Verify compliant;
- (c) Stricter punishments should be mandated for those willfully and intentionally hiring illegal immigrants in NC;
- (d) The NC General Assembly should enact a North Carolina version of (Arizona's) SB1070 to document proof of legal entry and the right to be within NC borders (which the Supreme Court has found to be constitutional);
- (e) Illegal immigrants should be denied enrollment to North Carolina colleges and universities;
- (f) Taxpayer funding to any NC college and university that denies enrollment to a legal resident in order to admit an illegal immigrant should be eliminated;
- (g) Foreign consulate services should be restricted to consulate property ONLY;
- (h) Mexican Matricula Consular cards should not be acceptable as proof of identification;
- (i) The use of all foreign ID cards should be prohibited for any taxpayer funded services or civic activities;
- (j) Taxpayer funding to sanctuary cities and counties in NC should be denied;
- (k) Proof of citizenship and residency should be required for all NC social welfare eligibility;
- (l) There should be NO taxpayer funding to all LaRaza based non-profit organizations in NC that provide benefits to illegal immigrants;
- (m) There should be no taxpayer funding of any North Carolina council that promotes or provides services to illegal immigrants;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NC Republican Party Chairman and Central Committee shall upon adoption of this Resolution, disseminate copies of said Resolution to the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, the North Carolina House and Senate Republican Caucuses and anticipate full compliance, cooperation and enforcement of said Resolution to the best of their abilities.

RESOLUTION TO CREATE A LIBRARY OF RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, in the past resolutions have been voted on at the end of the NCGOP convention business and delegates/alternates, candidates/officials and sometimes organizational members of committees sometimes are not even aware that the resolutions have passed. Issues and votes within those resolutions are lost without a library to reference them. Some former resolutions stated a request for distribution and have not been circulated, and;

WHEREAS, the NC Republican Party calls to form a library of passed resolutions from past NC Republican State Conventions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCGOP recommends all counties and districts set up an archived library of passed resolutions on their websites for viewing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NCGOP document and post a library of passed resolutions updated each year to be available for viewing on their corresponding websites.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCGOP candidates and officials also be made aware of the passed resolutions for their knowledge on the issues and their awareness of the will of the delegates and alternates.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions passed at the North Carolina Republican Party State Convention or by the North Carolina Republican Party's Executive Committee be posted on the Republican Party's website for review in subsequent year by the committee and archived resolutions will be saved in Dropbox.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Transparency within the NCGOP and the NCGOP Counties and Districts is of utmost importance for educational purposes. The will of the delegates/alternates, when everyone cannot be at the State Convention, will help to educate all of the GOP on these important issues.

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE ANY AND ALL MILEAGE TAXES

WHEREAS a few hundred Triangle area drivers have already participated in a national study done by the University of Iowa, with GPS technology installed in their cars to count the miles as they traveled in each state and each local jurisdiction (<http://www.newsobserver.com/2014/03/31/3748276/road-worrier-ncdot-asked-to-consider.html>), and

WHEREAS a committee with the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has recommended that NC adopt a plan to tax drivers by the mile (<http://www.ncdot.gov/board/bot/committees/fundingappropriation/RevenueEnhancementStudy.pdf>), and

WHEREAS this proposed mileage tax would be in addition to the current gasoline tax, and

WHEREAS this proposed mileage tax would most likely mandate that a GPS tracking device be placed in every vehicle in NC, and

WHEREAS any law that would mandate GPS tracking would be a blatant violation of the 4th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NC Republican Party actively rejects the argument that the NC gas tax needs to be supplemented with or replaced by a mileage tax, and actively rejects the argument that GPS tracking could be implemented without violating our right to privacy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NC Republican Party actively rejects the recommendation of a committee of the NCDOT to pursue a mileage tax, and we urge Governor McCrory to immediately and publicly declare his opposition to any and all plans to implement a mileage tax, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We urge the General Assembly leadership in the House and Senate to immediately and publicly declare their opposition to any and all plans to implement a mileage tax, and we urge Governor McCrory, the Speaker of the House and the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate to hold a joint press conference to publicly declare their opposition to any and all plans to implement a mileage tax

RESOLUTION CONCERNING VOTING OF OVERSEAS MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

WHEREAS, our men and women serving overseas in the U.S. military deserve our very best efforts to ensure they can exercise their right to vote and that they are not disenfranchised because their ballots arrive home too late to be counted; and

WHEREAS, as the result of efforts by Senator John Cornyn and Representative Kevin McCarthy to enact the Military Voter Protection Act, Congress passed The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, which provides for an express delivery system for military ballots from overseas; and

WHEREAS, at the insistence of Democrats in the U.S. Senate, The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act gives a monopoly on the federally funded delivery of such ballots to the U.S. Postal Service, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Postal Service at the current time will not guarantee timely delivery of ballots mailed less than one week before the election; and

WHEREAS, allowing free and open competition among express delivery providers could shorten the guaranteed delivery time for most military ballots to four days or less;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the North Carolina Republican Party urges Congress to change the law to require that if the U.S. Postal Service cannot guarantee timely delivery to the proper election officials of military ballots within four days of the general election, that delivery providers be selected by an open and transparent competitive process, to ensure timely delivery of military ballots from overseas.

CONSTITUTIONAL SHERIFFS AND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the powers and duties bestowed upon us by our citizens, the undersigned do hereby resolve that any Federal officer, agent, or employee, regardless of supposed congressional authorization, is required to obey and observe limitations consisting of the enumerated powers as detailed within Article 1 Section 8 of the U S Constitution and the Bill Of Rights.

WHEREAS, the people of these United States are, and have a right to be free and independent, and these rights are derived from the "Laws of Nature and Nature's God." As such, they must be free from infringements on the right to keep and bear arms, unreasonable searches and seizures, capricious detentions and infringements on every other natural right whether enumerated or not. (9th amendment)

WHEREAS, we further reaffirm that "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." (10th amendment)

FURTHERMORE, we maintain that no agency established by the U S Congress can develop its own policies or regulations which supersede the Bill of Rights or the Constitution, nor does the executive branch have the power to make law, overturn law or set aside law.

THEREFORE, in order to protect the American people,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The following abuses will not be allowed or tolerated:

- 1) Registration of personal firearms under any circumstances.
- 2) Confiscation of firearms without probable cause, due process, and constitutionally compliant warrants issued by a local or state jurisdiction.
- 3) Audits or searches of a citizen's personal affairs or finances without probable cause, and due process, and constitutionally compliant warrants issued by a local or state jurisdiction.
- 4) Inspections of person or property without probable cause and constitutionally compliant warrants as required by the 4th Amendment and issued by a local or state jurisdiction.
- 5) The detainment or search of citizens without probable cause and proper due process compliance, or the informed consent of the citizen.
- 6) Arrests with continued incarcerations without charges and complete due process, including, but not limited to public and speedy jury trials, in a court of state or local jurisdiction.
- 7) Domestic utilization of our nation's military or federal agencies operating under power granted under the laws of war against American citizens.
- 8) Arrest of citizens or seizure of persons or property without first notifying and obtaining the express consent of the local sheriff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Republican Party, do hereby denounce any acts or agencies which promote the aforementioned practices. All actions by the Federal Government and its agents will conform strictly and implicitly with the principles expressed within the United States Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall be presented to all North Carolina Sheriffs.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES AND PARTY UNITY

WHEREAS, members of the Republican Party in some cases do not agree on various issues, but in order to achieve victory at the polls we must be unified. (President Lincoln said a house divided cannot stand, and President Reagan warned us to speak no evil against Republican candidates); and

WHEREAS, Republicans believe that open and honest debate makes a strong party, state, and nation. Furthermore, attempts to silence opposing views are anti-American and often counterproductive to uniting the party for victory; and

WHEREAS, that during the process of unification in the primary season, that calls for unity and candidate support be done so with a solemn and endearing respect for the compromises made; and

WHEREAS, Republicans generally agree on the core values expressed in the platform of the state and national Republican Party. This extends to fiscal and social matters, including but not limited to a Balanced Budget, protecting our Second Amendment right to bear arms, opposing government controlled healthcare, the right to life, reducing the scope & size of government, and cutting taxes; and

WHEREAS, political success requires a careful look at what is at stake and consideration of what tactics and strategies to employ. For the greater good, Republicans must work in cooperation with other Republicans with whom he or she occasionally disagrees; and

WHEREAS, during the 2014 primary election we had many outstanding candidates to choose from, but only one of them could be our party's nominee in each race; and

WHEREAS, Republican Party infighting and discord (whether real or perceived) are used as ammunition by the Democrat Party, and its many allies in the media, to attack us. Bitter inter-party squabbling saps financial and personal resources and helps Democrats win office; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 election will test the North Carolina Republican Party, and what it has achieved on the behalf of North Carolinians in the last few years. It will either move forwards or backwards the reforms that the Republican members of the General Assembly have enacted to build prosperity and freedom in our State; and

WHEREAS, Republican victory for our local and statewide candidates is our main goal in 2014; and

WHEREAS, we must elect conservative Republicans to the North Carolina courts at all levels. Retaining a conservative majority on the NC Supreme Court is extremely crucial to the well-being of our State; and

WHEREAS, the Republican majority in the North Carolina General Assembly (Senate and House) must be maintained or increased; and

WHEREAS, in the 2014 election, Republicans must retain or enhance their majority in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, in the 2014 election, Republicans must gain at least six seats held by Democrats in order to gain a majority in the U.S. Senate, therefore it is crucial that liberal Democrat Senator Kay Hagan be defeated in November; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Republican Party encourages the positive airing of a wide variety of ideas, and we welcome change that will result in electoral success and the good of the Party, North Carolina, and the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while in the process of rigorous debate and campaigning, Republicans must do so in a

spirit of dignity and common purpose; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that our goal is to devote our time, energy, and resources to work together to elect Republican candidates in 2014 and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Marilyn Avila, Co-Chair
Rosemary Stein, M.D., At Large
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Michael Thurlow, 2nd District
Elizabeth Berg, 3rd District
Pam Stevens, 4th District
Cornelia Groce, 5th District
Bret McGraw, 6th District
Michele Nix, 7th District
John Leatherman, 8th District
Joe Pomykacz, 9th District
Jordan Barnes, 10th District
Michael Lyons, 11th District
Adam Love, 12th District
Wyatt McGhee, 13th District