



SPOKANE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTION

Affirm Protection of Constitutional Rights Against Application of Foreign and Religious Law, Including Sharia Law

Executive Summary: This resolution affirms that the constitutions of the United States and Washington State remain the supreme law governing all residents and institutions within Washington. It supports legislation ensuring that foreign or religious legal codes, including Sharia law, cannot be applied or enforced when doing so would conflict with constitutional protections, fundamental rights, equal protection principles, or established public policy.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington are the supreme law of the land, and no foreign law or religious legal code may override the rights guaranteed to the people of Washington; and

WHEREAS, several states, including Florida (HB 1471, 2026), Texas (HB 4211, 2025), and Arizona (SB 1018, 2026), have enacted legislation clarifying that courts may not apply or enforce foreign or religious law, including Sharia law, when doing so would violate constitutional rights or state public policy; and

WHEREAS, such measures typically prohibit the enforcement of foreign judgments, choice-of-law provisions, or forum-selection clauses that would result in the application of foreign or religious law contrary to fundamental rights, and some also address residential developments that impose parallel legal systems or discriminatory housing arrangements based on religious law; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Republican Party affirms that voluntary religious practice and association are protected by the First Amendment, but that no parallel legal system based on foreign or religious codes should be enforced by Washington courts or used to create segregated communities that undermine equal protection and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, model legislation known as *American Laws for American Courts*, and similar measures adopted elsewhere, is intended to protect the constitutional rights of all residents from any foreign or religious legal code that conflicts with those rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Spokane County Republican Party supports the introduction and passage of legislation in Washington modeled on the approaches adopted by Florida, Texas, Arizona, and other states to:

1. Prohibit Washington courts, administrative tribunals, and arbitrators from applying or enforcing any provision of foreign or religious law, including Sharia law, when doing so would violate rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution or the Washington State Constitution, or would be contrary to state public policy;
2. Bar enforcement of foreign judgments, orders, and contractual choice-of-law or forum-selection provisions that would produce the same result;
3. Prevent the establishment or operation of residential property developments that impose Sharia law or create discriminatory housing arrangements based on religious legal codes; and
4. Provide clear definitions and enforcement mechanisms, including authority for the Attorney General to investigate violations and seek injunctive relief and civil penalties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Spokane County Republican Party urges all Republican members of the Washington State Legislature (as well as local officials where appropriate), particularly those representing Spokane County, to introduce, co-sponsor, and vigorously support such legislation during the next legislative session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Washington State Republican Party, the Spokane County Republican legislative delegation, the Governor of Washington, and relevant state legislative leadership; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the Spokane County Republican Party Convention Delegates, Spokane County Republican Party Central Committee (SCRCC) or SCRCC Executive Board.

Adopted by we, the delegated representatives of the Republican electors of Spokane County, assembled in convention on this 22nd day of August 2026.

Signed: _____,
Chair, Spokane County Republican Party Convention

Signed: _____,
Secretary, Spokane County Republican Party Convention