



SPOKANE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTION

Resolution to Amend RCW 70A.30.010 Regarding Weather Modification Research

Executive Summary: This resolution supports amending Washington law to remove the Department of Ecology's authority to conduct, sponsor, fund, or facilitate weather modification and weather control research. It cites principles of informed consent, concerns regarding geoengineering initiatives such as the University of Washington's Marine Cloud Brightening Project, and warnings from scientists and experts about potential risks associated with such activities. The resolution urges the repeal of statutory provisions authorizing weather modification research and experimentation and calls for prohibiting state involvement in activities intended to modify or control weather within Washington State or elsewhere in the United States.

WHEREAS, The United States recognizes the principle of informed consent in scientific and medical experimentation through constitutional protections and established ethical standards, including the Nuremberg Code, the Belmont Report, and the Common Rule; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding geoengineering and weather modification research activities, including the University of Washington's Marine Cloud Brightening Project, which was halted in 2024 following action by the City of Alameda; and

WHEREAS, RCW 70A.30.010 currently authorizes the Washington State Department of Ecology to conduct, support, or arrange research and development activities related to weather modification and control, including associated methods, materials, processes, and devices; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Clean Air Act (Chapter 70A.15 RCW) establishes the state's policy of protecting air quality, public health, public safety, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 scientists, academics, and climate experts have expressed concerns regarding the potential risks of geoengineering and have called for stronger limitations on such activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Spokane GOP supports amending RCW 70A.30.010 to remove the authority of the Washington State Department of Ecology to conduct, sponsor, contract for, or otherwise facilitate research and development activities related to weather modification or weather control;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That Chapter 70A.30 RCW be amended to repeal any authorization allowing the Washington State Department of Ecology to promote, authorize, fund, or conduct experimentation, whether theoretical or practical, intended to modify or control weather within Washington State or any other jurisdiction of the United States.

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