



SPOKANE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTION

Affirming First Principles – Honoring the Oath of Office

Executive Summary: This resolution affirms the Oath of Office as the fundamental obligation of public service and the cornerstone of constitutional government. It emphasizes fidelity to the Constitution, accountability in leadership, and the preservation of public trust. The resolution also establishes guiding principles for party endorsements and leadership decisions consistent with Republican values and governing documents.

WHEREAS,

- Article VI of the United States Constitution requires federal and state officers to be bound by oath or affirmation to support the Constitution; and
- The Washington State Constitution requires public officers to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington and faithfully discharge the duties of office; and
- The Oath of Office is a continuing public commitment that places constitutional duty, the rule of law, and faithful service above personal or political interests; and
- Public trust depends upon integrity, accountability, and fidelity to that oath; and
- The Spokane County Republican Party Platform affirms constitutional government, the rule of law, accountability, and public trust and expects party leaders to uphold those principles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Spokane County Republican Party affirms that the Oath of Office is the first principle of public service and the foundation of constitutional government, public trust, and principled Republican leadership.

Republican candidates seeking Party endorsement, and elected officials receiving that endorsement, are expected to demonstrate continuing fidelity to the Constitution, the rule of law, and their Oath of Office throughout their service.

Leadership and Accountability

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that leadership within the Spokane County Republican Party is a privilege, not an entitlement, and party leaders are responsible for applying the Party's Core Values, Principles, and Declarations fairly, consistently, and without favoritism in endorsements, appointments, committee assignments, policy recommendations, and other leadership decisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an elected official who has been officially determined through an authorized governmental process to have knowingly violated the constitutional, legal, or fiduciary duties of public office has acted inconsistently with the Oath of Office and the principles affirmed in this Resolution.

Such determinations should be considered by the Spokane County Republican Central Committee and its leadership when making endorsement, appointment, and other decisions affecting the Party's integrity and credibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any candidate who has been officially determined through an authorized governmental and or sanctioned legal process to have knowingly, deliberately and

maliciously violated the constitutional, legal, or fiduciary duties of public office may not, after all facts have been considered, meet the Party's standards for endorsement.

Nothing in this Resolution limits the authority of the Spokane County Republican Central Committee to consider additional relevant facts and circumstances consistent with Party governing documents.

The Spokane County Republican Party further affirms:

- The Oath of Office is not merely spoken; it is lived.
- The Oath is measured by conduct, not ceremony.
- Leadership is earned through integrity, constitutional fidelity, accountability, and faithful service.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Spokane County Republican Party declares:

Before policy.

Before politics.

Before party.

Before personality.

Comes fidelity to the Oath of Office.

This Standard shall be applied *ex post facto* and in accordance with the Bylaws, Policies, Procedures, and Rules of the Spokane County Republican Central Committee.

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