

Resolution in Support of the Utah Republican Party's Nominating Process

Whereas, Article I Section 1 of the Utah Constitution guarantees to us the inherent and inalienable right to assemble peaceably, and to communicate freely our thoughts and opinions; and,

Whereas, Article I Section 2 of the Utah Constitution declares that all political power is inherent in the people; and,

Whereas, Amendments 1, 9, and 10 of the U.S. Constitution protect our (non-enumerated) God-given right of association; and,

Whereas, the Utah Republican Party is a private organization with authority to govern itself (the right of self-determination); and,

Whereas, the Utah Republican Party has--for most of its history--selected its nominees via delegates chosen in precinct caucuses; and,

Whereas, the Utah Legislature in 2014 usurped the party's nominee-selection process with the passage of Senate Bill 54, and foisted a signature-gathering process upon the party; and,

Whereas, the signature-gathering process encroaches on the party's right to select its nominees as it chooses, favors candidates with money and name recognition, and bypasses candidate-delegate interaction (which interaction helps to keep public servants close to the people);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Utah Republican Party will support nominees chosen by its grassroots delegates, and not support other candidates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Republican legislators are strongly encouraged to pass legislation in the 2024 General Session that restores the party's authority to choose its nominees as it sees fit.

Distribution: Upon passage, a copy of this resolution is to be sent to state-elected officers, state legislators, and members of Congress from Utah, and is to be posted on the party's website for the next five years.

Submitted to the Utah Republican Party by Paul Mackley (sponsor),
Lowell Nelson, Bob McEntee, Blaine Nay, Teena Horlacher, and Brandon Beckham (seconding endorsements),
For consideration at the Organizing Convention on Saturday, April 22, 2023.