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13. Resolution on Opposing Cronyism - NDGOP Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS: Capitalism is the best economic system, and the free market allocates resources in an economy better than any governmental body, and

WHEREAS: Any governmental body that takes money from some to give it to others for any reason whatsoever is distorting the market, and a government that picks winners and losers in the marketplace is inherently unfair, and

WHEREAS: Distortions in the market caused by governmental interference harm economic growth and liberty, and

WHEREAS: The platform of the North Dakota Republican Party establishes its clear support of the American free enterprise system and opposes all efforts by any government to redistribute wealth, and

WHEREAS: Current policy in the state of North Dakota, as pursued by both the legislature and local political subdivisions, violates this principle by granting special favors to the politically well-connected through "economic development" policy and the Department of Commerce, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party opposes all government bodies picking winners and losers in the marketplace; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party calls upon the State of North Dakota to ensure that the government contract bidding process is conducive to participation for all businesses and that the results of the process are transparent and readily available to the public.