

11. Resolution on Safeguarding Parental Rights – NDGOP Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS: The liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their children without undue influence of the state is a natural and fundamental right; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Supreme Court has recognized that “the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects the fundamental right of parents” and has long recognized parental rights to be a fundamental right rooted in this nation’s tradition and history; and

WHEREAS: House Concurrent Resolution 3049, which was passed by the 67th Legislative Assembly of North Dakota, recognizes parents as the chief stakeholders of the future and education of their children; and

WHEREAS: The federal government is enacting destructive gender ideology policies in both education and healthcare that undermine parental authority and endanger children’s minds, bodies, and family relationships; and

WHEREAS: Prominent North Dakota educators have publicly expressed a willingness to defy state law by keeping important information about students from parents; and

WHEREAS: The Biden Administration’s Department of Justice was weaponized to target and intimidate law-abiding parents who expressed concern over education policies; and

WHEREAS: The current standard of care for transgender-identifying minors is a threat to parents’ custodial rights as officials in other states have cited parents’ disagreement with gender-affirming care as a basis for terminating custody; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the North Dakota Republican Party affirms that parents have the fundamental right to direct the education, medical care, and moral upbringing of their children, including on questions of sexuality and identity; to access and review all medical and education records of the child; and to make and consent to physical and mental health care decisions for their child.