

## **10. Resolution on Privacy – Doug Sharbono, D11**

WHEREAS: We believe the biggest threat to our privacy is the government, and we must drastically limit the ability of the government to collect and store data regarding citizens' personal matters; and

WHEREAS: The role of government in our constitutional republic is to protect the privacy and liberty of the citizens of the United States while keeping us safe, not to protect the government from our citizens; and

WHEREAS: Through recent Grand Jury testimony and adjudication in criminal cases, it has been discovered key members of the Democrat Party, using the full force of government through the CIA and FBI, electronically spied on President Donald Trump while sitting in office; and

WHEREAS: There is a powerful move towards establishing a national identity card system, the establishment of which will likely lead to far more intrusive invasions of individual privacy and liberty; and

WHEREAS: The Patriot Act, USA Freedom Act, Executive Orders, and federal legislation have:

- Expanded the federal government's ability to use wiretaps without judicial oversight; and
- Allowed nationwide search warrants non-specific to any given location, nor subject to any local judicial oversight; and
- Made it far easier for the government to monitor private internet usage; and
- Authorized "sneak and peek" warrants enabling federal authorities to search a person's home, office, or personal property without that person's knowledge; and
- Required libraries and bookstores to turn over records of books read by their patrons; and
- Further centralized the power of the federal government at the expense of states and individual United States citizens; and

WHEREAS: National Security Agency programs have been intrusively and illegally collecting significant amounts of data from major internet companies such as Apple, Google, Microsoft, and Facebook pertaining to personal computers, computer software hacks, emails, texts, phones, etc. from ordinary Americans, and further illegally passing that raw data along to other countries' intelligence services, all outside of the legitimate privacy guaranteed by the 4th Amendment; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party calls for the Patriot Act, USA Freedom Act, Executive orders and federal legislation that enhance the power of the federal government and diminish the privacy and liberty of United States citizens to be repealed, and the national ID card movement, in any form, be rejected; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The North Dakota Republican Party urges the reining in of unlawful data collection on United States citizens and a return to warrants procured only in open courts in accordance with the Constitution.