



## Statement of Support for the Montana Republican Party Platform

The Lake County Republican Central Committee (LCRCC) affirms its support for the Montana Republican Party (MTGOP) Platform and all planks specified therein.

Consistent with the beliefs specified in the platform (emphasis added); that we hold "these truths self-evident, that *all men are created equal*, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain *inalienable rights*," and, "that the *Constitution of the United States* is a unique and binding compact, which *defines a republican form of government designed to protect the rights of citizens*," and that "in the absence of free markets and *secure property rights*, personal and political *freedom cannot long flourish*," and, noting the Resolution on Platform Principles, specifically number five addressing *Private Property* and the bullet within the Agriculture plank that states "We believe that *private property ownership is a fundamental principle of our Constitutional Republic* and uphold the continuation of this right," as well as the statement on property rights within the Local Government Plank;

The LCRCC notes the following with regard to the American Indian Affairs plank:

- The Lake County Republican Party recognizes the property and personal rights of *all* American citizens, and recognizes that American Indian Tribes have self-governance authorities rightfully their purview to the extent that the exercise of this self-governance does not compromise the United States and Montana State Constitutional rights of other non-tribal American citizens living within the boundaries of reservations and in particular to include those holding federal patents to lands disposed of or allocated over the course of history via acts of Congress, Indian Country notwithstanding.
- All American citizens are entitled to equal protection under the Montana and United States Constitutions, and no American citizen is permitted to exercise separate nation-state powers of sovereignty over fellow citizens under any circumstance, for that makes one citizen a lesser. No boards or commissions unfairly weighted by one group of citizens against another, and thereby compromising the Constitutional rights of fellow citizens, can have the force of law in the State of Montana.
- We affirm Montana Tribal People have the inherent right to know as Montana citizens all funds and activities of the State of Montana affecting tribal members, and that similar transparency is also an inherent right with regard to Federal and/or State tax monies provided to tribal governments. Audits as confidence building measures should be frequent.
- We support mutually beneficial economic development in all communities.
- We support the individual rights of Montana tribal citizens as guaranteed by the Montana constitution.
- We affirm our support for the individual and constitutional rights of *all* citizens living anywhere within the State of Montana, which includes within its borders and under its jurisdiction areas known as Indian Country.

Any candidate who does not support the *equal protection of all* citizens and their Constitutional rights, both Federal and State, *should not seek* and *will not receive* the support of the LCRCC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Sharp".

Tracy Sharp, Chairman — Signed on behalf of the Lake County Republican Central Committee  
Approved by Unanimous Consent, 5 October 2022