

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTIONS FORM

March 1, 2016 Precinct Caucus

STEPS TO CHANGE THE PLATFORM of the REPUBLICAN PARTY of MINNESOTA:

- Resolutions that are passed at the Precinct Caucus will be forwarded to the 2016 BPOU Convention.
The BPOU Convention votes on these Resolutions, requiring a simple majority to pass.
Resolutions that are passed at the BPOU Convention are then to be forwarded to the 2016 Congressional District Convention where they are voted on; a simple majority is required to pass.
Resolutions that are passed at the Congressional District Convention will then be forwarded to the 2016 State Convention where they are voted on; where once again a simple majority is required to pass.
Resolutions that are passed at the 2016 State Convention are incorporated into the Standing Platform of the Republican Party of Minnesota.

The Standing Platform of the Republican Party of Minnesota has 11 PLANKS. Before writing your proposed Resolution, indicate to which PLANK your Resolution pertains (review the accompanying Standing Platform for current wording of the standing planks). If you feel your resolution does not fit in a specific plank, check the "OTHER" option:

- Promote Economic Prosperity
Restore and Defend Civil Rights
Protect Our Health Care
Educate Our Children
Strengthen Our Families and Communities
Protect Public Safety
Strengthen the Rule of Law
[X] Enjoy and Protect Our Natural Resources
Make Government Smaller and Better
Defend America at Home and Abroad
Commendatory
Other

A maximum-5-minute discussion, pro and con alternately, will commence. A vote will take place and if passed, this Resolution will be forwarded to the BPOU Convention. Give your resolution to the Secretary after voting.

I move that this precinct caucus support the following change to the above plank (1 of the 11 must be checked): (use back if more space needed)

Use of Lethal Body Grip Traps and Snares

Be it resolved that the GOP party supports legislation that protects dogs and other non-targeted species from death or serious injury, by prohibiting the use of lethal snares, and limiting the use of lethal body grip traps to proven dog-safe methods (elevated 5', fully submerged, or in a dog proof enclosure).

Submitted by: Phone(s):

BPOU: Precinct:

RESOLUTION: Passed: Defeated:

Secretary's signature:

Resolution: Lethal Body Grip Traps and Snares

Whereas, every year dogs in MN are killed in lethal body grip traps and snares.

Whereas, lethal snares tighten as the animal struggles, quickly causing suffocation and death for any accidental catch including companion pets, hunting dogs, protected species, and non-targeted species.

Whereas, lethal body grip traps are designed to kill quickly by breaking the neck or by suffocation, both the MN Trappers Association and the DNR state extreme caution must be used to avoid setting these traps where there is a risk of catching and killing dogs.

Whereas, most trappers exercise appropriate caution to protect dogs, the ***current laws do not require them to do so***. When extreme caution is not used, lethal body grip traps and snares have proven to pose a significant risk to pets, companion dogs, protected species, and non-target species.

Whereas, lethal body grip traps can be used, with or without bait, anywhere it is legal to trap. ***Dogs in MN have been killed by baited and unbaited traps while walking, hiking, or hunting with their owners, by traps placed on public and private land, near public boat accesses and trails, and in culverts, and ditches.***

Whereas 22 other states have prohibited or restricted the use of lethal body grip traps to proven dog safe methods without negatively impacting the trapping harvest, and 28 states have prohibited the use of lethal snares. ***MN trapping laws impede the rights of others to live, work and play outdoors without risk of serious injury or death to their companion dogs, working dogs, and hunting dogs. The outdoors belongs to everyone, and with our pets we have a right to be safe where we live, work and play.***