

RESOLUTION REJECTING ANY NEW TAXES OR FEE INCREASES

Whereas, the Hawai`i Republican Party advocates the principles of *Fiscal Responsibility* and *Limited Government*;

Whereas, the people of Hawaii are already burdened by excessive taxation and taxes disguised as “fees,” working more than one-quarter of each year just to pay their debt to the government;

Whereas, there is clear historical evidence that when tax rates are reduced, the economy’s growth rate improves, the standard of living increases, and tax revenues actually increase;

Whereas, evidence also indicates that when taxes are spiked, the economy suffers and tax revenues decline or remain stagnant;

Whereas, lowering taxes on businesses allows them to keep more profits and grow, necessitating the hiring of more people;

Whereas, more individuals with jobs translates to more people spending more money within the economy;

Whereas, lower taxes on individuals allows them to invest and spend more;

Whereas, individuals spending money drives business to greater profit, continuing the positive economic cycle derived from lower taxes;

Whereas, the notion of taxing “the rich” is nothing less than discrimination based on income, taxing the producers of society only makes the pie smaller for everyone;

Whereas, taxes should be levied equally and fairly across society regardless of income level, with the emphasis on ensuring individuals the right to their hard-earned income, not on the redistribution of wealth from the few to the many;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Hawai`i Republican Party in convention at Lihue, Hawai`i, May 14, 2011, rejects new taxation or fee increases which act to take away our *Liberty* and *Equality of Opportunity*.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be posted on the Hawai`i Republican Party website and distributed to Hawai`i elected officials and media for public dissemination.