

The Voter and Candidate Pledge

for the State of Montana

We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Montana, pledge our support and votes to the Candidates for Montana State offices who have affixed their signatures in agreement to this Pledge, and who hereby commit to resigning their office if they fail to keep their promise of fidelity to the terms of this Pledge.

Whereas, the enumerated powers limiting the Federal Government have been breached, our Constitution is being ignored, and our Federal Government is acting like a monarchy, treating the citizens of the sovereign State of Montana as subjects of that monarchy; And

Whereas, the current Federal Government and Montana State Government have replaced the proper Rule of Law with arbitrary laws, not rooted in our Constitution or laws, but are anchored in personal ideologies; And

Whereas, without legislative debate or deliberation, new laws, executive orders, and bureaucratic rules are being unlawfully imposed on the citizens of this State; And

Whereas, if left unchecked, the current lawless trajectory of our nation and our State will ultimately result in the dissolution of our Constitutional Republic, and will consign the great experiment of America's freedom to the dust-bin of history; And

Whereas, our Founders positioned the States as an effective check against the usurpations of the Federal Government, and our Federal and State Constitutions provide the powers necessary to oppose all usurpations by the "national authority";

THEREFORE, we the undersigned registered voters of the State of Montana hereby pledge our united material support, and our votes, to the specific undersigned Candidates for public office, who have irrevocably and wholeheartedly pledged their personal commitment and fidelity to the following goal:

To restore Constitutional governance, the rule of law, and proven free-market economic principles, in Montana government and policy. ("The Mission")

To secure the united support and votes of the undersigned registered voters, the undersigned Candidates wholeheartedly and irrevocably pledge their personal commitment and fidelity to The Mission and the following terms of this Pledge:

1. To build a highly competent administration to achieve The Mission:

To achieve The Mission, the undersigned Candidates pledge they will not use the staffing and appointment privileges of their office as rewards for support, or as a kind of "spoils-of-war", but will

submit all prospective staff and appointees to a consistent and proven effective third-party qualification process to identify the best candidate for each staff and appointed position in their administration. They further agree to carefully and honestly consider the recommendations of the qualification process, and will endeavor to comprise a highly competent team, committed to work together to achieve The Mission.

2. To defend and support Constitutionally limited government:

WHEREAS, government bureaucracies increasingly intrude on every operation of our citizens; And Our laws are expanded, interpreted, and complicated by regulatory agencies that undermine the Constitutional rule of law in our State and country; And Unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats become de-facto law-makers and enforcers of arbitrary rules with the force of law; And Government has the duty to “promote the general welfare”, not provide that welfare;

THEREFORE, the undersigned Candidates will ensure:

- Every law proceeding from government must find its authority and permission in the original intents of our State and Federal Constitutions; And
- Every proposed law or administrative ruling must include the basis for its Constitutional authority before it is signed into law; And
- Every state governmental office and department is made subservient to the U.S. and Montana State Constitutions; And
- Every unlawful intrusion by the Federal government into the powers and responsibilities of the State will be lawfully opposed or modified to comply with the limitations set forth in the State and Federal Constitutions.

3. To defend and support Constitutional Separation of Powers and State Sovereignty:

WHEREAS, the Federal government has overreached its Constitutional limitations by establishing arbitrary national laws that reach the citizens of Montana; And The Federal government has overreached by establishing unlawful arbitrary laws and regulations over Montana’s wildlife, lands, waterways, natural resources, and on the state’s businesses; And The citizens of Montana “have the exclusive right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign, and independent state.” (Montana Constitution);

THEREFORE, The undersigned Candidates will lawfully oppose, or modify to eliminate, or negate, every Federal law, regulation, or bureaucracy that intrudes into the powers and authorities reserved to the state and Montana’s citizens; And

The natural resources of the state, including all timber, minerals, waterways, and recreational lands, will be administered for the best benefits of its citizens, including the use of these resources to develop and grow the State’s logging, milling, energy, and mining industries; And

Responsible exploitation of these valuable resources by industries will place the responsibility for clean, non-polluting, and restorative business operations solely on those industries, and not on the citizens of this State; And

Revenues from State lands and natural resources will be utilized to reduce the income taxes, property taxes, and energy costs to its citizens, schools, and businesses, while protecting and enhancing the value of State property and natural resources for the enjoyment of future generations.

4. To promote and support economic freedom in Montana:

WHEREAS, economic liberty is inversely proportional to government intrusion into the affairs of its citizens; And

In a free-market economy transactions between private parties and businesses are free from state intervention, including restrictive regulations, taxes, tariffs and enforced monopolies; And

In a free-market economy the government operates to allow every citizen to live his life to the fullest according to his nature, as a rational being, and which upholds individual rights and does not itself violate them in any way; And

Government must not waste the fruit of its citizen's labors through wrongful redistribution of their property to fund entitlement programs; And

The state government must faithfully keep its contracts;

THEREFORE, the undersigned Candidates will demand all public offices in, and activities of, the State of Montana will promote and support free-market policies in every operation, activity, and law; And

Administration of State programs must demand the utmost economy, and will avoid any further growth in State administrative bureaucracies; And

Where possible, entitlement programs, and state pensions, will be protected through privatization and safeguarded from loss by real practices of insurance, and will be removed from the State's budget; And

State regulations, fees, taxes, and bureaucracies that intrude in, or impede, lawful transactions by the state's citizens or businesses will be lawfully opposed or modified to eliminate, or negate, such state interferences.

5. To defend and support excellence in education in Montana:

WHEREAS, Montana is a signatory, bound to the terms of the Northwest Ordinance, demanding that "Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall be forever encouraged and established"; And
The Montana State Constitution grants the sole responsibility to provide public education to the State; And

A Thomas Fordham Foundation study currently ranks the State of Montana dead last among the states in measuring its teachers by student performance, monitoring coursework, and how much power the state gives to schools to hire and fire teachers; And

The U.N.-sponsored International Baccalaureate World Schools, which promotes secularism and European-style socialism, has already penetrated Montana public schools;

THEREFORE, the undersigned Candidates will ensure the sovereign State of Montana will take its sole responsibility to provide an educational system and environment that will develop the full educational potential of each student; And

Will hereby adopt the goal that Montana will provide the highest quality, most effective educational system among the states, that is the envy of every other state; And

Will make an honest assessment of current educational alternatives such as school choice, charter schools, home schooling, national K-12 curricula, educational tax credits, educational savings accounts (ESA's), and alternate teacher certification. These alternatives and others will be evaluated, and implemented, on the basis of their best educational value to the students; And

Will work to place the primary control and responsibility of education into the hands of parents; And

Will identify and remove all Federal, U.N., and foreign influences from Montana public education: And Will restore the fundamental goals of public education to include the development of personal virtue, personal ethics and values, and mastery of the fundamental principles of our Constitutional Republic, and citizenship, in order to restore a love and loyalty to those foundational principles of government.

6. To defend and support Montana's lawful responsibilities for its natural resources:

WHEREAS, the Federal government currently claims sovereign control over about 28% of Montana's land; And

The Federal government plans to actively expand their control over additional Montana lands through unlawful use of Executive Orders and the Antiquities Act, And

The Federal Constitution clearly authorizes the federal government to only own such land as is necessary for a seat of government and such land as is necessary for the erection of forts, docks and shipyards, etc.; And

Valuable mineral producing land, forests, pasture and grazing land have been usurped from the State and people who live there, and are held under Federal domain; And

The original intent of the Founding Fathers in the Constitution was never for the federal government to supersede states powers and authorities; And

The Constitution does not allow the seizure of American land or territory by foreign governments, including the United Nations, or any other foreign government or group of governments, including for World Heritage sites; And

Much of the land seized by the Federal government has been by Executive Orders bypassing the authority of Congress; And

The Federal Constitution requires that all state lands be "purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be";

THEREFORE, The undersigned Candidates pledge to work to restore all lands unlawfully seized by the Federal government, whether by congressional Acts, Rules, Laws, Decree, Executive Order, or any other means under color of law, to be returned to its rightful owners, the Sovereign Citizens of Montana; And

Will legally and administratively oppose the multitude of bureaucracies that have sprung up to enforce the unlawful seizure of our native land and its resources including, but not limited to: The Bureau of Land Management, The United States Park Service, The various bureaus of Wildlife and Fisheries, etc., and restore the rightful powers over the land to the State and private ownership, in accordance with the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Montana; And

Will ensure that Montana will accept and fulfill its duties and responsibilities, as a sovereign State, over its lands and natural resources, and will limit Federal involvement in the State to those enumerated powers defined for it in the Federal Constitution; And

Will ensure Montana will oppose all unlawful interpretations of the Commerce Clause (Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution) that expand, rather than limit, Federal government intrusion or that apply Federal regulations or taxes to commerce conducted within the State; And

Will ensure that revenues from State lands and natural resources will be utilized to reduce the income taxes, property taxes, and energy costs to its citizens, schools, and businesses, while protecting and enhancing the value of State property and natural resources for the enjoyment of future generations.

