



Republican National Committee

Counsel's Office

RESOLUTION PROTECTING AMERICA'S FARMING AND RANCHING

WHEREAS, American farmers and ranchers provide the safest, most affordable and abundant source of food to consumers worldwide, exporting in 2013 a record \$140.9 billion in products, and recording the strongest five-year export levels in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, American farmers and ranchers produce food, fiber, and fuel using fewer resources, less land, less water, and less energy with higher levels of conservation and environmental protection at the same time dramatically increasing the number of consumer affordable choices; and

WHEREAS, radical animal-rights extremist and environmental extremists have systematically targeted America's farmers and ranchers in an effort to destroy animal agriculture and eliminate or control private property, be it real or personal (animal) property; and

WHEREAS, these groups use the power of government by utilizing State initiative petitions that are deceptively written to garner public support through emotions rather than facts; and

WHEREAS, these groups have infiltrated agricultural organizations and created public and private partnerships (at the expense of farmers and ranchers, and consumers who rely upon them) in an attempt to regulate farmers and ranchers out of business; and

WHEREAS, benign sounding terms such as "sustainability," "best practices," "adaptive management," and "best available science" have filtered into legislation creating overreaching and burdensome regulations and unfunded mandates upon America's farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, America's farmers and ranchers form the core of the traditional values of our nation's heartland while being the economic drivers of rural America in a system that works when unfettered use of private property allows the freedom for capitalism and free enterprise to work; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Members of the Republican National Committee endorse efforts to protect America's farmers and ranchers, including states' legislation to protect traditional agricultural practices and private property; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Members of the Republican National Committee encourage our federal representatives (Senators and Representatives) to oppose animal-rights extremist and environmental extremists, and to protect the agriculture industry and private property whenever possible.

**As adopted by the Republican National Committee on May 9, 2014.*