

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LIMITED AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

Whereas, the Hawai`i Republican Party believes in *Limited Government*;

Whereas, government has grown disproportionately to the private sector, accounting for 1.5 out of every 20 workers in Hawaii;

Whereas, government payroll equates to over 70 percent of the workforce in Hawaii, by far the greatest percent of all the states;

Whereas, that which can be done at a more local level ought to be done by a more local level;

Whereas, government ought to be held responsible to its constituents by being accountable stewards of the resources granted it by the hard-working individuals who pay their taxes;

Whereas, states with fewer state employees per capita are more productive and deliver more efficient services to the taxpayer;

Whereas, governments derive “their just powers from the consent of the governed”;

Whereas, for individual liberty to be ensured, for the rights of the individual to be realized, government must be limited to the power, duties, and responsibilities which secure these rights;

Whereas, a limited government means greater individual liberty and a larger government means less individual liberty;

Whereas, limited government allows individuals to create, dream, and innovate without the burdens of excessive regulations and laws;

Whereas, limited government translates to stronger social structures and institutions on the local level, such as the family, houses of worship, community, and volunteer associations;

Whereas, government governs best that governs least, and ought to be restricted to those functions which are critical to society, and nothing more;

Whereas, government cannot give to anybody what it has first not taken away from somebody else;

Whereas, limited government, guided by the principles of the Constitution, has power to protect our rights, but is not so much power as to obliterate or repudiate them.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Hawai`i Republican Party in convention at Lihue, Hawai`i, May 14, 2011, calls for increased vigilance on the part of our legislators and the public to the threat of over-regulation, overspending, and over-taxation in limiting our *Liberty, Individual Responsibility, 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.