Resolution To Restore Confidence in Our Election System

We the People support removing all internet capable machines, computers, software used for election management, ballot processing, and vote tabulation; replacing universal mail-in voting with single day in-person voting, requiring legal identification to be shown, ballots to be hand counted at the precinct level with final results to be reported on election night.

WHEREAS, mail-in balloting lacks serious security, transparency, ballot chain of custody, and verifiable integrity and absolute secrecy (Art 6, Sec 6 of WS Constitution) of any voter's given ballot, and

WHEREAS, Washington State courts have ruled the public cannot have access to cast ballots or their digital images for the purpose of inspection, education, or auditing, and

WHEREAS, ballot harvesting and ballot curing allow for third party interventions with potential to influence the voting process as well as the election results significantly and/or inequitably, and

WHEREAS, no proof of citizenship, residency, or age is required to register to vote – resulting in auditors' offices and the Secretary of State's office taking "the word" of the registering voter on the application. Under SB5208, only a partial Social Security number is required for online registration and most counties don't verify; the Secretary of State has refused to audit our voter rolls for non-citizens, and

WHEREAS, signature verification is primarily the only way to verify a ballot is valid, yet legal identification is not required to update a voter's on-file signature, and ballot signature authenticity is often determined by the judgment of a single election worker's interpretation which includes a factor of human error, and

WHEREAS, the public has no access to any elections system software or firmware to be able to verify the code is "clean" and secure; the public has no access to the elections system administration activity logs to be able to verify there are no outside or inside intrusions to the system; ~~and~~ the public has no access to the elections system router or wi-fi and data-traffic logs to be able to verify the integrity of the network, and

WHEREAS, the election office "audits" do not meet Generally Accepted Auditing Principles, which all legitimate businesses use, and need to be upgraded to higher standards, and

WHEREAS, under the current system an election can take up to two months to complete, between early voting and post-election counting, unduly delaying the election outcome, seeding doubt in the minds of citizens regarding the validity of results, and decreasing voter confidence in the credibility our election process,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that We the People are in support of replacing universal mail-in voting with in-person voting on election day with legal photo ID required, using paper ballots that are hand counted at the precinct level with results reported that night, while still allowing for absentee ballots by request for special circumstances, such as military/overseas voters, homebound voters, special needs voters, and the like, to arrive at the elections office no later than election day, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all scanning and tabulation machines and computerized devices should be removed from the voting process including any that are remotely accessible, as well as any software used in the process that possesses the capability to manipulate vote tabulations or election results, and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED the public should have access to all election data and information, at no charge; and Spokane County must conduct transparent audits utilizing Generally Accepted Auditing Principles, for all election results, absentee signature verifications, voter addresses, vote tallies, and reconciliation of blank ballots.

Approved by the Spokane County Convention Delegates March 2, 2024

To be submitted upon approval to the Spokane County Commissioners, Spokane County Auditor, Washington State Republican Party, the Washington State Secretary of State and Washington State Auditor.