**2024 Pend Oreille County Republicans**

**Plank #9 – Immigration and Border Security** *Revised 3/24/2024*

**Without clearly defined and protected borders, you do not have a country.**

**We believe;**

1. America’s Northern border deserves equal protection and funding the same as all US Borders and Coastal waters.
2. Foreign worker permits be of set duration, and that “permitted” workers be required to periodically return to their native country for at least 90 days or more prior to re-issue of a new permit. Failure to exit on time [or to do so within 10 days after the permit’s expiration] should constitute a felony, subject to immediate deportation upon capture and loss of all rights of re-entry.
3. Foreign nationals who meet the requirements, demonstrate their ability to live in the U.S. without the need for public assistance, and follow the regulations of the legal immigration system should be eligible to successfully apply for legal citizenship when openings are available.
4. Immigrants fleeing their native country for legally legitimate reasons as defined by the United States must seek their asylum in the first country they touch outside their native boarders and remain there until accepted, or automatically forfeit their consideration for entry into the United States.
5. The country of origin for an illegal immigrant captured in, or while attempting to illegally enter, the United States should be liable for all cost associated with their capture, incarceration, deportation, and any cost legally awarded to the victim(s) of any crime they may have committed while in country.
6. Any monies, property of value, or other fungible gains, in the possession of illegal aliens when captured, must be forfeited to the general fund of the state in which they are found and dedicated to be redistributed to the citizens as that state legislates.

**We oppose;**

1. Providing social services, voting privileges, medical care, free transportation, amnesty, and other unearned benefits of citizenship to illegal aliens.
2. The practice of ‘birthright citizenship” and chain migration policies.

**Further;**

We support the concept of “Natural Born Citizens” as used in Article II, Section 5, and the 12th Amendment, of the U.S. Constitution to mean that both biological parents of a Presidential or Vice-Presidential candidate, were legal US residents prior to the candidate’s birth.