

# REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION

## Preamble

The Republican Party of Minnesota welcomes into its party all Minnesotans who are concerned with the implementation of honest, efficient, responsive government. The party believes in these principles as stated in the Declaration of Independence: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Therefore, it is the party committed to equal representation and opportunity for all and preservation of the rights of each individual. It is the purpose of this constitution to ensure that the party provides equal opportunity for full participation in our civic life for all Minnesota residents who believe in these principles regardless of age, race, sex, religion, social or economic status.

## ARTICLE I

### Name and Object

#### SECTION 1: Name.

The name of this organization shall be Republican Party of Minnesota.

#### SECTION 2: Object.

The object of the party shall be the maintenance of government by and for the people according to the Constitution and the laws of the United States and the State of Minnesota, and the implementation of such principles as may from time to time be adopted by party conventions. To obtain this object it is essential the party shall organize at all levels to elect Republicans to public office.

## ARTICLE II

### Membership and Dues

#### SECTION 1: Membership.

The membership of the party shall be composed of all citizens of the State of Minnesota who desire to support the objectives of the party.

#### SECTION 2: Dues.

Payment of dues shall not be required as a condition of membership.

#### SECTION 3: Rights.

Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to deny or abridge the rights of any voter to participate in any party caucus, primary or convention, where he/she is entitled by law to participate.

## ARTICLE III

### Congressional and Legislative Reapportionment Committee

#### SECTION 1:

In the first odd numbered year following reapportionment the State Executive Committee shall establish a standing committee to develop an operating policy and procedure manual for the next reapportionment period.

#### SECTION 2:

The reapportionment committee shall consist of a chair and one person from each Congressional District. It is recommended that the appointee have actual Congressional District and/or Basic Political Organizational Unit (BPOU) leadership reapportionment experience. The state party chair shall appoint the chair of the reapportionment committee. The Congressional District representative shall be appointed by the Congressional District chair(s), or in the event of a dispute between the chairs