

## **Resolution To Abolish All Outside Money in Oklahoma Elections**

Whereas,

The Oklahoma Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 states “All elections shall be free and equal...” and,

Whereas,

The legal definition of “free” at the time of the writing of the Constitution is “Not subject to legal constraint of another. Unconstrained; having power to follow the dictates of his own will. Not subject to the dominion of another. Not compelled to involuntary servitude.....” (Black’s Law Dictionary, Fourth Edition, 1951), and

Whereas,

The Oklahoma Constitution, Article 3 Section 2 states, “The Legislature shall create a State Election Board to be charged with the supervision of such elections as the Legislature shall direct.....”, and,

Whereas,

The legal definition of “supervision” at the time of the writing of the Constitution is “inspection”, and the legal definition of “inspection” is “A critical examination, close or careful scrutiny, a strict or prying examination, or an investigation” ..... , and

Whereas,

The Help America Vote Act of 2002, Pub Law 107-252, 116 Stat 1666 reads, “To establish a program to provide funds to States to replace punch card voting systems, to establish the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of Federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain Federal election laws and programs, to establish minimum election standards for States and units of local government with responsibility for the administration of Federal elections, and for other purposes.” And,

Whereas,

The Help America Vote Act is a voluntary program, and the Oklahoma Constitution has not been amended to allow acceptance of the voluntary federal funds, and

Whereas,

There is a recent Supreme Court of the United States ruling, Moore vs Harper (2023), in which the Supreme Court states “the exercise of such authority in the context of the Elections Clause is subject to the ordinary constraints on lawmaking in the state constitution....” , which it acknowledges and affirms that the US Constitution cannot compel a state to violate its own constitution when it comes to election law. The Supreme Court in this decision also states, “Historical practice confirms that state legislatures remain bound by state constitutional restraints when exercising authority under the Elections Clause.....In addition, multiple state constitutions at the time of the founding regulated the “manner” of federal elections by requiring that “elections shall be by ballot.”.....Moreover, the Articles of Confederation-from which the Framers borrowed-provided that “delegates shall be annually appointed in such manner as the legislature of each state shall direct.” Art. V. Around the time the Articles were adopted, multiple States regulated the appointment of delegates, suggesting that the Framers did not understand that language to insulate state legislative action from state constitutional provisions.”

Therefore:

We, the members of the GOP of this County, call upon the officials of the state of Oklahoma to do their duty to uphold their oaths to the Constitution and abolish all outside money coming into Oklahoma for any use of any kind in our elections, and to rely only on money that originates from within the state and its citizens to conduct our elections, and return to the complete Constitutional governance of this state as they freely agreed to upon taking their oaths of office.

Signed by We, the members of the GOP of \_\_\_\_\_ County, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord 20\_\_\_\_\_.