

Resolution Supporting United States History Education

WHEREAS, basic knowledge of U.S. history is essential to the survival of our Republic and unites a diverse people into a single Nation with a common purpose; and

WHEREAS, citizens lacking knowledge of U.S. history lack understanding of the principles that define and sustain this Constitutional Republic, free people, liberty, justice, government by the consent of the governed, and the founding principles; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut reveals 81% of seniors at elite colleges and universities cannot answer high school level questions about U.S. history and the Constitution; 78% cannot identify the source of the most famous line of the Gettysburg Address; and

WHEREAS, many of America's most distinguished historians are alarmed about the consequences for the Nation if the next generation of American leaders and citizens lose America's memory of our inalienable rights and principles of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the US Congress unanimously called upon state officials responsible for higher education to review public college and university curricula and promote requirements in U.S. history;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Arizona Republican Party calls for the Arizona Board of Regents and all officials responsible for education curriculum to review all public college and university curricula and require basic U.S. history and the real history of our Founding Fathers and the Making of America, including our founding principles, the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, Constitution, and important historical speeches during the Constitutional Convention.