

Resolution on Open Government

WHEREAS Oklahoma Legislators are the elected Representatives of the People; and

WHEREAS the Republican Party of Oklahoma states in its 2009 Platform “That government closest to the people governs best and is preferred to centralized control;” and

WHEREAS a representative government of the People, by the People and for the People depends upon free and open discussion of every idea submitted in the name of the People; and

WHEREAS government secrecy is “centralized control” and has resulted in political corruption and death without a committee hearing of valid legislation representing genuine concerns of the People; and

WHEREAS the People need to know how their elected representatives stand on all the issues brought before them to assure accountability; and

WHEREAS Oklahoma an unprecedented economic and currency crisis; and

WHEREAS we need a thorough and candid conversation of all citizens through their representatives to ascertain the causes and solutions of this crisis to reach a broad consensus for action;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT both the State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives pass permanent rule changes to assure that:

1. Every bill submitted by a Senator or Representative gets a fair hearing and a recorded vote in committee;
2. Every bill that passes through committee gets a fair hearing and a recorded vote on the floor of the body;
3. No political subterfuge or “hijinks” interfere with complete Open Government and transparency in in way.

Submitted and Adopted by Precinct #_____, _____ County, Oklahoma, Congressional District #_____, on February 1, 2011.