

OHIO STATE GRANGE

PRESENT POLICY: EDUCATION AND HEALTH

1999-2009

1999 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports legislation permitting the teaching of both the theory of Evolution and Creationism.
2. Encourages legislators to include all students, public, private and home schooled, in the testing program except special needs students who are exempt through the IEP system.
3. Supports school districts to establish and follow disciplinary procedures when dealing with student behavior which disrupts the educating of all students.
4. Supports a change in the Ohio Revised Code be changed to permit recall of elected school board members.
5. Recommends that legislation be set up to set standards for water pollution by drugs and pesticides.
6. Supports legislation that would put more educational and family related shows on television.
7. Urges legislation that anti-rejection medication is provided, at a reduced cost, to transplant patients.
8. Supports legislation to set standard noise decibels in order to protect people's hearing.
9. Requests our legislators to require a trigger lock of some kind to be supplied by the manufacturer with each gun sold.
10. Requests congress and the USDA to devise a plan which will improve the inspection plan to safeguard the health of all Americans consuming foods in the United States.
11. Supports ad campaigns about the danger of drinking and then driving.
12. Supports legislation to stop HMO's from dictating when an individual can call 911 because a delay may cost lives.
13. Encourages Congress to pressure Medicare to make timely payments to nursing homes so as not to jeopardize admission of those in need.
14. Supports legislation that will promote fair pricing of drugs.
15. Supports same standards of payment to both private and county nursing homes.

2000 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports legislation permitting students in public schools to have a time of silence during the school day schedule which may be used for individual prayer.
2. Calls upon legislators and the Governor to take action immediately for the Ohio Supreme Court's mandate for "a complete systemic overhaul" of the current method of Ohio public school funding.
3. Urges the State Board of Education to redesign all proficiency test at all levels so they are more grade appropriate, with the exceptions (IEP) Individual Education Plan.
4. Supports lobbying insurance companies to consider providing the cost of hearing aids in insurance packages.
5. Supports legislation that would hold custodial parents and agencies responsible for the action of minors in personal and property damage to others upon conviction for violent crimes.
6. Opposes any legislation indentifying "hate crimes" and assigning punishment as an infringement on the rights of states to handle non-federal crimes and as a higher crime than any other murder.
7. Opposes any attempt to remove the Congressional charter of the Boy Scouts of American based on the fact that they are of high moral character and a private organization displaying virtuous Christian precepts.
8. Supports legislation that will restore reimbursement for the care of America's people – through Medicare.
9. Request our state legislators implement the prescription drug assistance program.
10. Supports education and recommends the wearing of helmets for those riders using, bicycles, skateboards, roller blades and all-terrain vehicles, go carts, motorcycles, and scooters.
11. Opposes out of state garbage coming into the State of Ohio.

2001 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Encourages the State Board of Education to make available touch typing programs at all grade levels.
2. Supports legislation that would require strobe lights on school buses be used at all times.
3. Encourages the Ohio State Board of Education to adopt a policy that students who wish to participate in sports must attain at least a "C" average or "75%" grade in all subjects.
4. Supports legislation requiring that when dispensing "Generic", the label contain the "Generic" name issued for the "brand" name drug. Ex: Gylburide for Diabeta.
5. Supports a change in the Congressional Retirement Plan to the Social Security Plan.

6. Supports and investigation as to why Americans are charged higher costs for the same prescription drugs, and suggests that Congress arrive at a solution which will benefit Americans who purchase prescription drugs. Suggest that the price not be more than 10% difference of what is currently being charged in foreign countries.
7. Supports Congress not using Social Security trusts funds for national emergencies and to continue the long range goal of building the funds to provide intended benefits.
8. Supports any legislation which would eliminate the GPO and WEP, therefore restoring full benefits to public employees and surviving spouses.
9. Supports stricter penalties for those who abuse and/or neglect animals.
10. Supports banning songs and commercials, which sound like sirens, from being played on the radio.
11. Supports legislation that would require drug companies to produce "Orphan Drugs" and offer them at an affordable price for those who need them.

2001 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports legislation that would end the usage of public money for the charter school program.
2. Supports legislation for uniform, fair pricing on gas.
3. Supports leadership in a war against the cancerous component in America who would class pornography and explicit sex on TV, or computer, Internet as "Freedom of Speech".
4. Encourages all levels of law enforcement to strictly enforce all existing litter laws.
5. Supports legislation that would require patients to submit their entire medical background to health care professionals.
6. Supports all hospitals and nursing homes lowering drug process so that all patients can afford them.
7. Supports legislation for the Amber Alert System for the state of Ohio.
8. Requests an investigation into why the medication is so expensive and also have a discount system implemented for senior citizens.
9. Opposes the Executive order #13166 which requires all medical entities to be multilingual in order to receive federal funding and recommends that this order be done away with so that doctors can get back to practicing medicine.
10. Supports the Prescription Drug Fair Pricing Act.
11. Opposes any delays in drug companies manufacturing generic drugs.

12. Supports legislation that would provide, when known, the adoption papers be released, so all family health history is known.
13. Supports changes in insurance laws that would allow health care decisions to be made by qualified physicians and not the insurance companies.
14. Supports protecting the privacy rights of the patient, not allowing their status of health shared with others.
15. Supports stopping the collusion between the tobacco industry and the pharmaceutical firms by working with and supporting other groups opposed to smoking.

2003 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports legislation to require drug test to be mandatory for all convicted felons, and that the drug rehabilitation program is a mandatory part of the sentence for anyone failing the drug test.
2. Encourages the National Grange to support the continuation of Agriculture Programs in schools.
3. Supports legislation that would require utility companies to notify local Health and Human Resources Offices when utilities are being disconnected because of non-payment to ensure that the aged, handicapped or other persons in need will not suffer.
4. Supports legislation that would require Medicare and Medicaid to cover some or most of the cost of hearing devices and encourage insurance companies to do the same.
5. Supports leaving the phrase "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. Encourages all Ohio granges to consider participating in the "Words for Thirds" program.
7. Supports the Defense of Marriage Amendment.

2004 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Present Policy statement: "Goes on record as opposing out of state garbage coming into the State of Ohio "(2000) and amends to: Encourage the legislators to consider ways of discouraging other states from dumping their debris in Ohio, such as charging higher fees to other states. Also encourages legislatures to enact stricter laws and regulations on out of state dumping and encourages Ohio EPA and Health Department to enforce the laws and regulations regarding out of state dumping of debris.
2. Supports laws or changes to existing laws to restrict the in-service time for long distance or transfer ambulance crews both state and federal level.
3. Urges the opposing of any bills that would eliminate easy and inexpensive access to vitamins and supplements.
4. Favors legislation limiting the settlement in medical lawsuits to the amount of the actual expense.

5. Supports government educational mandates paid by the government.
6. Supports working to convince our government that Medicare money spent on prevention of diseases is far more economical than the huge cost of treating advanced stages of the disease.
7. Encourages the State of Ohio to restore the cuts in rabies control so that health departments can again check for rabies.
8. Supports lobbying Congress of the United States to eliminate the subsidy and cover the \$12 billion in student loans at the current market rate.

2005 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports efforts by the National Grange to urge the U. S. Government to provide the necessary funds for the medical needs of military retirees and war veterans.
2. Opposes smoking in all public places throughout the State of Ohio.
3. Supports any action to enforce the restrictions and penalize the abuse of use by carriers of handicapped parking placards.
4. Supports legislation to require hotels/motels and large commercial facilities to have AEDs (automated external defibrillators) and trained personnel on the premises.
5. Request the Ohio Department of Education provide a special test to be given to hearing impaired students to qualify them for Ohio Graduation, and that people with knowledge of hearing impaired children's needs to be seated on the committee which draws up and develops such testing for students.

2006 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Encourages Granges Lecturers to have open educational programs on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (Privacy Act) HIPAA and how it can be used or circumvented.
2. Encourages state and national legislation to require food manufacturers to have printed expiration dates in a uniform position by product in a contrasting color that consumers can easily read and suggest using the expiration date labeled as "best if used by".
3. Supports legislation to change the language for hearing aids from cosmetic to prosthesis in all instances, thus allowing Medicare to help cover the cost of purchasing hearing aids, and suggests that all insurance companies be encouraged to help cover the cost of purchasing hearing aids.
4. Encourage legislation to establish a review board to assess the services and care provided by foster agencies.
5. Opposes any legislation that may be proposed permitting or requiring school staff to carry firearms while at school and encourages the National Grange to work against any legislation at the National level that may be proposed permitting or requiring school staff to carry firearms while at school.

6. Encourages legislation to amend present state law that requires builders and landlords to provide smoke detectors, to include carbon monoxide detectors.

2007 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports limiting smoking to specified areas for outdoor events.

2008 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Urges the National Grange to develop a stewardship program for using alternative domestic energy resources. These resources may include coal, oil, wind, solar, and other sources that may become available.

2. Support legislation making English the official language of the United States of America.

3. Support state legislation to require local communities to set up safety guidelines pertaining to retention ponds and public safety.

4. Encourages the state government to insure that the negotiated health coverage for retired employees be carried out according to the negotiated coverage during their time of employment, and further.

5. Encourages the federal government to insure that the negotiated health coverage for retired employees be carried out according to the negotiated coverage during their time of employment.

6. Encourages the state legislature to impose the same fines and punishment for harming a social worker, as is applicable for harm to law enforcement and firefighters.

7. Request the cooperation of the National Grange in lobbying the United States Congress to provide a permanent educational assistance program to serve current and future military veterans.

8. Urges the state legislature to require registered sex offenders to vote absentee.

2009 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Urges state legislators to investigate the possibility of county wide school districts in Ohio.

2. Urges the Ohio's U.S. Legislators to vote "no" on the present healthcare reform bills and urges National Grange to encourage the U.S. Legislators to vote against the present health care reform bills.

3. Urges National Grange to work with the U. S. Congress for a plan that would lower health care costs, subsidize health care for low income families or individuals, expand health care coverage, and allow individual choice for participation in a health care program.

4. Supports urging legislature and the Ohio State Government to reinstate full funding for libraries.

