



# *Lewis County Republican Party*

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## **Resolution to Affirm Our Right to Consent to Taxation**

WHEREAS Article 1 Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution states that “All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights;” and

WHEREAS Article 1 Section 3 of the Washington State Constitution states that “No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;” and

WHEREAS U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall affirmed that “the power to tax involves the power to destroy;” and

WHEREAS THE PEOPLE of the State of Washington have voted and passed legislation requiring two-thirds vote by the legislature to increase taxes in 1993, 1998, 2007, 2010, and 2012; and

WHEREAS the legislative branch of the State of Washington has OVERTURNED the WILL of THE PEOPLE, to limit their representative’s ability to increase taxes without two-thirds majority vote; and

WHEREAS the judicial branch of the State of Washington has OVERTURNED the WILL of THE PEOPLE, to limit their representative’s ability to increase taxes stating it “shall ONLY be recognized by AMENDMENT to the Washington State Constitution.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Lewis County Republican Central Committee ENDORSES amending the Washington State Constitution to require a two-thirds majority vote by the Washington State Legislature to increase any taxpayer burden, whether by new taxes, tax increases, extending taxes, new fees, or fee increases, or by raising the debt of the Washington State government in any form.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Lewis County Republican Central hereby requests its legislators in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Districts to submit legislation which will start the process to amend the Washington State Constitution to confirm the WILL OF THE PEOPLE requiring a two-thirds majority on tax issues. Resolved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 2013, in Chehalis, Washington by the Lewis County Republican Central Committee.

ATTEST

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruth Peterson".

RUTH PETERSON  
Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jami Lund".

JAMI LUND  
Secretary