

## **We Believe...**

### **Taxes and Limited Government**

Individuals and families are entitled to what they earn. Taxes should be low, simple and just. Government should live within its means; government should not take property one citizen to give to another. Free enterprise is the best path to prosperity for all Minnesotans.

### **Preserving Civil Rights**

Government should treat all of its citizens equally under the law. Innocent human life, born and unborn, must be protected from conception until natural death. Our inalienable rights of free speech, press, assembly, religious expression and to keep and bear arms should not be abridged.

### **Education**

As parents are ultimately responsible for their children's education, Republicans support measures which give parents more choices for educating their children.

### **Strengthening Families**

Government needs to reaffirm the unique and central role of the traditional family and strong family values which are the foundation of American society. Affordable health care can be achieved by introducing genuine market competition, eliminating government mandates and allowing people to own and control their own health care. People should have the right to control their individual retirement plans, including Social Security.

### **Protecting Public Safety**

The most fundamental function of government is to keep us secure in our property and our persons and that substantially tougher laws need to be enacted to stop Internet predators and keep repeat offenders, violent criminals and dangerous sex offenders incarcerated.

### **Strengthening the Rule of Law**

Measures should be enacted to ensure that courts are not overburdened with frivolous lawsuits which impose large and unfair burdens on people and businesses. Judges should adhere to the constitution and refrain from legislating from the bench.

### **Environment, Energy and Agriculture**

The environment needs to be conserved for future generations and that it needs to be done without enacting radical and unnecessary regulations that trample on the rights of people and forces them out of their jobs. We support strong energy policies relying mostly on private initiative and encourage research and development of current and alternative forms of energy.

### **Defending America at Home and Abroad**

Peace is best maintained by having a strong national defense, securing our own borders, and by encouraging all peoples to seek freedom, democracy and free enterprise.