



**Resolution of the Oregon Republican Party  
in Support of Initiative Petition 132  
the Hold Criminals Accountable Act  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

WHEREAS the Oregon Department of Corrections presently is releasing certain prison inmates early based on the Department's determination that these inmates have been rehabilitated; and

WHEREAS the Department of Correction's discretion should be limited so they are not acting as a phantom parole board in making such determinations; and

WHEREAS sentences imposed by judges should not be subject to reduction except in some instances for a "good conduct" allowance; and

WHEREAS Initiative Petition 132 addresses these concerns by reaffirming that mandatory minimum sentences must be observed without reductions and by specifying that other sentences shall not be reduced by more than the 20 percent allowed for a "good conduct" reduction; and

WHEREAS Initiative Petition 132 also prioritizes processing DNA evidence in regard to sex crimes, prohibits incarcerated persons from voting, and requires county correctional facilities to check each inmate's criminal history before the inmate is released; and

WHEREAS the above provisions are important and necessary reforms in Oregon's fight against crime and upholding the rule of law.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Oregon Republican Party supports gathering signatures for, and passage of, Initiative Petition 132, the Hold Criminals Accountable Act.

Adopted by the Oregon Republican Party on the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2008, in the city of Bend, Oregon.

Signed VANCE D. DAY  
Oregon Republican Party Chairman