

Proposed Resolution Requesting Idaho Legislature Ban Sharia in Idaho

WHEREAS, the United States of America is founded upon the principles of a constitutional republic, which stands as the longest-standing and greatest form of government in world history, embodying American exceptionalism through its commitment to individual liberty, the rule of law, and a representative republic chosen through a democratic process; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional framework ensures that all laws and judicial decisions are rooted in American jurisprudence, free from foreign or incompatible legal systems that could undermine our sovereignty and fundamental rights; and

WHEREAS, the Islamic law, known as Sharia, derived from Islamic religious texts, means the set of rules, precepts, instructions, or edicts which are said to emanate directly or indirectly from the god of Allah or the prophet Mohammed and which include directly or indirectly the encouragement of any person to support the abrogation, destruction, or violation of the United States or Idaho Constitutions, or the destruction of the national existence of the United States or the sovereignty of this state, and which includes among other methods to achieve these ends, the likely use of imminent violence; and,

WHEREAS Sharia represents a comprehensive legal and social code that in many applications conflicts with American values, including equality under the law, freedom of speech, and protections against cruel and unusual punishment; and

WHEREAS, several states have recognized the potential incompatibility of Sharia with American jurisprudence and have enacted legislation to prohibit its use in courts or government proceedings, including Alabama, Arizona, Kansas, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, federal legislation was introduced by Republican lawmakers to ban the enforcement of Sharia law nationwide, highlighting ongoing concerns about its potential influence; and

WHEREAS, recent years have seen a rise in the prominence of Islamist political figures in the United States, including in high-profile elections, which raises concerns about the promotion of ideologies that may prioritize religious law over contradictory constitutional principles; and

WHEREAS, in the 2025 New York City mayor's race, Muslim candidate Zohran Mamdani has emerged as a frontrunner, prompting discussions about the integration of Islamic perspectives into American governance and sparking backlash over potential ideological influences; and

WHEREAS, the recent announcement of a Qatari Emiri Air Force facility at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho, which will host Qatari F-15 fighter jets and personnel for training alongside U.S. troops, has raised local concerns about the introduction of foreign influences, including Islamic ideologies, into Idaho communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Mountain Home has engaged with this development amid public discussions that frame the Qatari presence as a contribution to community diversity, potentially overlooking risks associated with ideologies that include adherence to Sharia principles; and

WHEREAS, instances across the United States have demonstrated perceived threats from Sharia, such as attempts to apply it in family court disputes, arbitration agreements, and community practices that conflict with state laws on issues like polygamy, inheritance, and women's rights, leading to legislative responses in states like Texas and Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, proponents of anti-Sharia measures, including U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville of Alabama, have warned that Islamic extremism, including the promotion of Sharia, poses a significant threat to American security and values, emphasizing the need to eradicate such influences; and

WHEREAS, additional examples of Sharia-related concerns include reports of "Sharia patrols" in certain U.S. communities enforcing religious codes informally, and legal challenges where foreign Sharia rulings were cited in U.S. courts before being rejected, underscoring the need for proactive safeguards; and

WHEREAS, allowing any form of Sharia adherence in Idaho's state or local institutions would represent a destructive ideology incompatible with our constitutional republic, threatening the exceptionalism that has made America a beacon of freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee that we call upon the Idaho State Legislature to introduce and pass legislation explicitly banning the implementation, recognition, or adherence to Sharia in any state or local court, government agency, or public institution within Idaho; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this legislation should prohibit the use of Sharia principles in any legal proceedings, arbitration, or administrative decisions, ensuring that all governance remains firmly grounded in American law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kootenai County Republican Central Committee is committed to preserving Idaho's sovereignty and will never allow destructive ideologies like Sharia to take hold, upholding the principles of American exceptionalism for future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Idaho Governor, members of the Idaho State Legislature, and Idaho's congressional delegation for their consideration and action.