**July 2015** 

# The Patriots' Truth

### Flint Hills T.E.A. Party News

Next meeting August 8—9:30am, Manhattan Public Library, have your concerns ready. The Working Group meets at McAlister's Deli, 5:30-10pm, Wed. evenings, come and go, at your convenience. Bring your issues for discussion. Your concerns are important. In this publication what is in green is my opinion, other colors are just for getting attention. Changes in font are to let readers spot changes of subject or person speaking. I want to include your opinions & concerns. With the help of the LORD we will prevail!! Let us Pray!

June 28, 2015

Dear Friends,

This week the Supreme Court once again acted as a Super Legislature. No longer are they determining what the law is — they are creating law.

First, six Ivy League-educated lawyers ignored the plain language of ObamaCare in order to save the law. Then, five of them created a 'right to marry' in the Constitution out of thin air — effectively invalidating the ability of all 50 states to make laws on marriage.

We could grow discouraged. We could throw up our hands and give up. We could declare our once great nation is all but lost.

But I am hopeful for our future because I believe America can still be great. More importantly, I believe in what the American people can do if the government will just get out of their way.

That is why I will continue to go to Washington every week to fight for a future rooted in our conservative, Constitutional principles. <u>If you agree that our nation is worth fighting for, would you make a contribution to my campaign right now?</u>

On Tuesday we reach the next FEC fundraising deadline. *I am facing two opponents who are actually calling for more compromises with the Left and to capitulate to the Court*. I believe we need leaders in Washington who are standing firm on our conservative principles, not throwing in the towel on America.

With your help, I can run a strong campaign to keep this seat in conservative hands. <u>Please join me</u> and say we will not give up on America by making your most generous contribution right now.

Yours in Liberty,

Congressman Tim Huelskamp

P.S. We cannot count on the Supreme Court, the media, the Left and the GOP Establishment to make America great again. <u>Please stand with me and make a contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 or even \$1000 to my campaign right now!</u>

Friends, Tim is in a tight spot – he has two opponents in the coming election who would completely destroy Kansas as a State. They would be happy for all decisions to be made in Washington, D.C. They will just "go along to get along" with whatever is happening in Washington, D.C., "go along" with whatever the Liberals want. Oh, I know, they are saying different, but examine carefully what they ARE SAYING. Doctor Roger Marshall says he will go Washington, work with everyone and "get things done." We know that means he'll give in to whatever is easiest. Then there is Alan LaPolice, who we already know talks a good line, but will NOT stand up face-to-face against those destroying Kansas and America. We've heard him before, we know he is an actor that will say anything to win the election, and then do NOTHING when he gets to Washington. At this point in time, we have the best – TIM HUELSKAMP, who stands up for KANSAS no matter what others say, do, or pay bribes for. Representative Huelskamp has stayed true to Kansans and our needs. He has continued to work for the betterment of the Veterans Hospitals when he is in Kansas as well as when he is in Washington. Rep. Huelskamp has DARED to stand up to Speaker Boehner. He was the only Kansas

Representative to vote against Rep. Boehner for Speaker of the House. The House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. needs a Speaker who will be true to the Conservatives that elected them. It is now obvious that is NOT John Boehner – he is sliding into Obama's pocket. What are the conservative members of the house thinking? I know what I'm thinking – they are NOT as Conservative as they pretend. All Kansans need to think long and hard – Do they want wishy-washy Representatives that refuse to stand on their own two feet, and stay true to their constituents and what they want for Kansas? Or do they want TRUE BLUE, steadfast Representatives that will stand up for what they have promised their constituents regardless of the stupidity in Washington?? All Kansans must be thinking of the future of Kansas and the United States. Conservative thinking individuals that will be what they promise their constituents they will be for the full time of their tenure. KANSANS – HEADS UP!!! Rep. Huelskamp is a great example of the type of Representatives needed for ALL OF KANSAS. When we reelect TIM, let's elect like-thinking Representatives all across Kansas.

## The following was received from: Kansas Congressman Mike Pompeo Greetings

We all know that the federal government rarely, if ever, knows what's best for us as individuals. For the past five years, many have struggled with the increased costs and decreased access that has come from the subpar health care system that is ObamaCare. The Supreme Court case, King v. Burwell, could have delivered a crushing blow to this law that is simply not working for mot Kansans. Instead we are left with a broken health care law that continues to impose enormous economic burden on millions of Americans.

Repealing Obamacare will have a very positive impact:

Business Establishments Freed from Employer Mandate

New Jobs

237.000

Workers Added to the Labor Force

Increase in Pay Per Worker

Increase in Total Pay

Part-Time Workers Who May Gain Hours

262,000

237.000

1,270,000

\$830 to \$940

\$13.6 Billion

3,300,000

These are just a few of the positives that will result once we repeal ObamaCare.

As I travel around the district meeting with Kansans, there is never a shortage of stones about how detrimental ObamaCare has been to both health care providers and patients alike. From the initial fear of the unknown about the legislation, to the anger once we realized that we had been lied to about our choices, to the realizations of how extensively damaging this law is as its various components have been implemented – my resolve has only been strengthened to repeal and replace the law that is destroying our health care system.

America is about innovation, competition, and choice. We can do better on healthcare!!

I won't stop until we have a health care system that is designed to reduce costs, expand access, and increase your choices as a patient so you can once again be in charge of your own health care choices.

Sincerely, Mike Pompeo Member of Congress

This type of thinking is what our Federal House Representatives are doing, writing about, and working for. I am NOT criticizing them for this, however, in Kansas we have the Mandate Lite Bill written by David Powell, the man we should have elected as our State Insurance Commissioner. In the 2013 Kansas Legislative Session House Bill 2243, the Mandate Lite Bill, was passed. **Kansans** can go to Insurance Company's offering health insurance in Kansas and secure the health insurance policy that covers the needs of their family. I understand and agree with what Kansas Congress members are working to accomplish, (getting rid of ObamaCare), however, they need to acknowledge that Kansans have an advantage over many Americans because of the Mandate Lite Bill.

Greetings All, on America's 239th birthday -- <u>FHTP</u> has friends & supporters from Sea to shining Sea -- Kevin Cassey is a personal friend on the East Coast, & he shared the following with us for Independence Day. Enjoy... Chuck H

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Their story...

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists.

Eleven were merchants.

Nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated.

But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Ruttledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: Freedom is never free!

It's time we get the word out **that patriotism is NOT a sin**, and the Fourth of July means more than beer, picnics, and baseball games. True "reflection" is a part of this country's greatness. Please be a participant.

### THE ONLY FLAG THAT DOESN'T FLY

Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. The flowers are grown by seed companies. It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg AFB on California's central coast.

Check out the dimensions of the flag. The Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described in Executive Order #10834.

This Flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter; each Stripe is 30 feet wide.

This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.

For our soldiers... Please don't break it. When you receive this, please stop for a moment, say a prayer for our servicemen and women. Say a prayer for all our citizens, nation AND Constitution!!

I don't know the effect these pictures have on you, but they make me glad I'm an American and a TEA Party member. They help me know there is hope for the USA to be what our Founding Fathers intended it to be! This took a lot of work to accomplish – hopefully, a labor of love!! Bless these people!

### GOD be with us in our Constitutional battle! GOD BLESS AMERICA!





July 4, 2015 Dear Friend,

Today we celebrate 239 years since our Founding Fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor for our independence. In total, 56 men came forward to sign their names to a document that guaranteed

the King would find them guilty of treason.

The words they affirmed so long ago are still powerful today:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Since our ultimate victory in the fight for these rights, we rose from 13 colonies to the greatest nation on the face of the earth. The promise of America found in the Declaration of Independence and enshrined in our Constitution has represented a great hope to the world for generations. And it still draws people from around the world to our shores for the promise of a better life.

I hope you are able to enjoy a parade, cookout or fireworks today with our neighbors, friends and loved ones. At the same time, I encourage us all to pause and remember that it takes eternal vigilance to preserve and protect the freedoms that our forefathers fought to give us as an inheritance. And despite the recent rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court, please join my family in praying that God will continue to bless these United States of America. Yours in Liberty,

Congressman Tim Huelskamp

THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. THEY PROUDLY REPORT, "THEY DISTRIBUTE FREE MEALS AND FOOD STAMPS TO OVER 46 MILLION PEOPLE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS."

MEANWHILE, THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, RUN BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ASKS US "PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS." THEIR STATED REASON FOR THIS POLICY BEING, "THE ANIMALS WILL GROW DEPENDENT ON THE HANDOUTS AND THEN THEY WILL NEVER LEARN TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES."

THIS CONCLUDES TODAY'S LESSON. ANY QUESTIONS?

Hmm-m-m-m??

### OREGON LAUNCHES PROGRAM TO TAX DRIVERS BY THE MILE

ON 7/5/2016 from MinutemenNews.com

Oregon is using an experimental program to become the first state to tax drivers based on the miles they travel on state roads rather than the gas they purchase.

The voluntary program, called OReGo, is designed to capture taxes from hybrid and electric car drivers who have been able to skirt gas taxes.

Oregon's Department of Transportation is hoping to get 5,000 people to volunteer to install a small device under their steering wheels that will track their mileage and charge drivers' credit cards one-and-a-half pennies for each mile driven, Fox News reported Friday. Transportation officials say the growing numbers of electric and hybrid cars has left the gas tax flat and unable to fund road maintenance.

Read more at http://minutemennews.com/2015/07/oregon-launches-program-to-tax-drivers-by-the-mile/

# From the Newsletter of Kansas Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins Happy 4th of July!

On July 4th, we remember not only American independence but also American exceptionalism. We remember the people who fought, sacrificed and risked everything for our freedoms – those same freedoms that we enjoy today.

We remember the hard work of the brave men and women who helped build this country throughout the generations. Hope you had a fun and safe Independence Day and as always, God Bless America!

### Reopening of the Emergency Department at Colmery-O'Neil:

This week, I was pleased the Emergency Department at Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center reopened. However, I am disappointed it took nearly two years after I first raised concerns to the VA. Rest assured, I will remain in close contact with the VA as the Emergency Department reopens to ensure it remains a fully functional VA medical center. My first priority will always be the health and safety of our veterans and I will continue to demand the best and timely care possible for our veterans in Kansas and across the country.

To watch WIBW's coverage, click here. To read the Topeka Capital-Journal's coverage, click here.

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU, Rep. Lynn Jenkins!!! I know you have been in constant contact concerning this issue. Your persistence has paid off!! Kansas citizens Thank You!! Kansas Veterans Thank

You!! The whole Country Thanks You!! Everyone now knows persistence can/will pay off. I feel sure you, Congresswoman Jenkins, will stay on top of this issue as time passes. If this facility does NOT solve the problem of there being enough Drs, rooms, to take care of the areas needs – remember the soon-to-be-empty "old" hospital on the Fort Riley Base. It is already a hospital; little would need to be done to make it a Veterans Hospital. Perhaps it could take care of Veterans-with-special-needs, or all Veterans – whatever is needed. No point in wasting a good facility. *Thank you again!!!* 

We appreciate your meeting with your Constituents all across your District. We are able to keep you posted at these many gatherings. Thank You for making us believe we are important. If you and Rep. Huelskamp could just work together we would be very pleased.

When an atheist called him a "moron" for believing in God, Dr. Ben Carson responded with one brilliant line that put the atheist in his place. "I believe I came from God, and you believe you came from a monkey," he told the individual, "and you've convinced me you're right."

I've always liked Ben Carson, and knew he could speak well (and to the point) while meeting his adversaries head-on and this just proves my point. I still think he would make an amazing Vice-President to Scott Walker.

### REPORT ON A QUEBEC MAYOR, "PUT SOME PORK ON YOUR FORK!"

Let's hear it for a Quebec mayor... Or as the commercial promoting pork says "put some pork on your fork." MAYOR REFUSES TO REMOVE PORK FROM SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU... EXPLAINS WHY.

Muslim parents demanded the abolition of pork in all the school canteens of a Montreal suburb. The mayor of the Montreal suburb of Dorval, has refused, and the town clerk sent a note to all parents to explain why...

"Muslims must understand that they have to adapt to Canada and Quebec, its customs, its traditions, its way of life, because that's where they chose to immigrate.

"They must understand that they have to integrate and learn to live in Quebec.

## "They must understand that it is for them to change their lifestyle, not the Canadians who so generously welcomed them.

"They must understand that Canadians are neither racist nor xenophobic, they accepted many immigrants before Muslims (whereas the reverse is not true, in that Muslim states do not accept non-Muslim immigrants).

"That no more than other nations, Canadians are not willing to give up their identity, their culture.

"And if Canada is a land of welcome, it's not the Mayor of Dorval who welcomes foreigners, but the Canadian-Quebecois people as a whole.

"Finally, they must understand that in Canada (Quebec) with its Judeo-Christian roots, Christmas trees, churches and religious festivals, religion must remain in the private domain.

The municipality of Dorval was right to refuse any concessions to Islam and Sharia.

"For Muslims who disagree with secularism and do not feel comfortable in Canada, there are 57 beautiful Muslim countries in the world, most of them under-populated and ready to receive them with open "halal" arms in accordance with Sharia.

"If you left your country for Canada, and not for other Muslim countries, it is because you have considered that life is better in Canada than elsewhere.

"Ask yourself the question, just once, 'Why is it better here in Canada than where you come from?'

"A canteen with pork is part of the answer."

THREE CHEERS FOR THE QUEBEC MAYOR!!! I wish some American Mayors had that much guts. A few times of that & stick to it & we would NOT have cities with areas the local police cannot enter. This is one thing that really pisses me off. I am not speaking of the Muslims alone. That goes for anyone who comes to America with the intention of becoming a citizen of the USA. If you are going to be an American citizen, then be willing to live as Americans do. Live by our laws, salute our flag, speak English, at least in public, get a job, financially & morally take care of your family without American Government help. Then you will be welcome & American citizens will help you adjust when you need help.

If you are going to be here, be American or Go Back Where You Came From!!

### Not a Hate Crime Because It Was a Black Mob Attacking a White Victim

Posted on July 8, 2015 by Mark Horne

And we all know that there would be no national media-panic about hate-crime if the races were reversed,

#### right?

We really live at a cultural tipping point.

The tipping point is this: there are enough liberals and cowardly wannabe-liked-by-liberals in positions of power and influence that we can (to some extent) keep laws about equality "on the books" while in fact instituting a system of inequality before the law. We can say that all hate crimes must be punished, for example. But we can, in fact, neglect to enforce them in one direction while hammering on them in the other direction.

So, this was not a hate crime:

According to the Blaze, which also provided the screen shot of the original police report, "Police Back Off 'Anti-White' Hate Crime Claim in Case of Horrific July Fourth Mob Beating."

The story at the Blaze describes the video, saying that it shows McKnight, who suffered a concussion, broken nose and facial injuries, lying bloodied and unconscious on the pavement.

People can be heard laughing and mocking the victim as he lay unresponsive on the ground.

But there is no reason to believe that this attack was racially motivated, we are now assured, despite the police report that said the opposite.

A 27-year-old man was left bloodied and unconscious after being brutally assaulted by an unruly mob in the streets of Cincinnati on Saturday night. Though the official police incident report referred to the July Fourth attack as "anti-white," Capt. Mike Neville backed off the claim on Monday and said it's not yet clear if race was a factor.

Neville said the officer who filed the incident report felt the attack was racially motivated because the victim, Christopher McKnight, was beaten by a group of people from the "opposite race." He said the preliminary anti-white description of the attack was incorrect.

So, even though nothing is clear yet about their motives, Neville is sure that the original police report is wrong. I'm sure we all know that, if a white mob beat up a black victim, the journalists and the politicians and the pundits would be careful to wait for some clear explanation. If the original police report said it was racially motivated, they would be completely trusting of a police captain later asserting that the report was false.

The "unruly mob" was also throwing bottles and fireworks at police, reportedly.

The simple fact is that police answer to politicians. Furthermore, they can protect themselves in part by sacrificing a few members of the public from time to time. All of this is a recipe for a society in which the rule of law is nothing more than a pleasant fiction, where favored groups are immune from even criticism, let alone prosecution according to a fixed standard.

It isn't just about race. We are already seeing that it is perfectly OK to fire people for their political views because they believe in the real definition of marriage but some Republicans and other Liberals are demanding that homosexuals become a protected class from job discrimination.

So all to soon the practical hypocrisy will give way to the open legal declaration that all people are equal but some are more equal than others.

What is there to say? How do we make the world understand that this is a news-media-manufactured status in our once wonderful USA? It is actually the Liberals and their insane way of handling events with the assistance of the media that have created this atmosphere. We all know that this insane conditioning of Blacks attitude toward Whites is more media-manufactured than actual Black original attitude. It is rarely reported of how many Blacks are murdered/assaulted by Blacks – It is only news when Whites are the murderers!! Fortunately, I don't believe we have too much of this problem in our immediate area – it wouldn't take much to get it going, but at the moment we seem to be OK. I realize that could change in a moment. Let us PRAY that instead of matters getting worse here they get better around the Country.

This is a great piece written by a retired United Airlines Captain. From a former Navy fighter pilot and a retired UAL Captain.

We Are All Flying on the GermanWings Plane ... Will we Just wait in the 'Crash Position'?? The Captain was locked out of the cockpit. That phrase finally revealed the full horror of the crash of GermanWings flight 9525. Copilot Andreas Lubitz waited for the pilot to leave the cockpit then locked the door to prevent his re-entry. After which Lubitz, for reasons unknown and perhaps unknowable, deliberately steered the jet into a harrowing 8-minute plunge ending in an explosive 434 mph impact with a rocky mountainside. 150 men, women and children met an immediate, unthinkably violent death.

Lubitz, in his single-minded madness, couldn't be stopped because anyone who could change the jet's disastrous course was locked out. It's hard to imagine the growing feelings of fear and helplessness that the passengers felt as the unforgiving landscape rushed up to meet them.

Hard... but not impossible. Because America is in trouble, we feel the descent in the pits of our stomachs. We hear the shake and rattle of structures stressed beyond their limits. We don't know where we're going anymore, but do know it isn't good. And above all, we feel helpless because Barack Obama has locked us out.

He locked the American people out of his decision to seize the national healthcare system. Locked us out when we wanted to know why the IRS was attacking conservatives. He locked us out of having a say in his decision to tear up our immigration laws, and to give over a trillion dollars in benefits to those who broke those laws.

Obama locked out those who advised against premature troop withdrawals. Locked out the intelligence agencies who issued warnings about the growing threat of ISIS. He locked out anyone who could have interfered with his release of five Taliban terror chiefs in return for one U.S. military deserter.

And, of course, Barack Obama has now locked out Congress, the American people, and our allies as he strikes a secret deal with Iran to determine the timeline (not prevention) of their acquisition of nuclear weapons.

Was Andreas Lubitz depressed, insane, or abysmally evil when he decided to lock that cockpit door and listen to no voices other than those in his head? Did he somehow believe himself to be doing the right thing?

The voice recordings from the doomed aircraft reveal that as the jet began its rapid descent, the passengers were quiet. There was probably some nervous laughter, confusion, a bit of comforting chatter with seatmates, followed by a brief period in which anxiety had not yet metastasized into terror. It was only near the end of the 8-minute plunge that everyone finally understood what was really happening. Only near the end when they began to scream.

Like those passengers, a growing number of Americans feel a helpless dread as they come to the inescapable conclusion that our nation's decline is an act of choice rather than of chance. The choice of one man who is in full control of our 8-year plunge. A man who has locked everyone out. If you aren't screaming yet, you should be!

Scary, but it fits – can we find a parachute before we hit the mountain? Congress is our only hope, and McConnell is NOT any better than Reid was!! GOD, as always, is our last & only hope – LET US PRAY.

# Governor Brownback issues Executive Order protecting religious freedom of Kansas' clergy and religious organizations By KSN TV and Brittany Glas

TOPEKA, Kansas — Governor Sam Brownback today issued Executive Order 15-05, "Preservation and Protection of Religious Freedom," protecting the religious freedom of Kansas clergy and religious organizations.

The Executive Order recognizes that the protection of religious liberty from government infringement is a fundamental state interest and complements the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Section Seven of the Bill of Rights of the Kansas Constitution. EO 15-05 prohibits state government from taking any discriminatory action against any "individual clergy or religious leader," or any "religious organization" that chooses not to participate in a marriage that is inconsistent with its sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction that marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman.

Governor Brownback issued the following statement upon signing the Executive Order:

"We have a duty to govern and to govern in accordance with the Constitution as it has been determined by the Supreme Court decision. We also recognize that religious liberty is at the heart of who we are as Kansans and Americans, and should be protected.

"The Kansas Bill of Rights affirms the right to worship according to 'dictates of conscience' and further protects against any infringement of that right. Today's Executive Order protects Kansas clergy and religious organizations from being forced to participate in activities that violate their sincerely and deeply held beliefs.

"While we disagree with the decision of the Supreme Court, it is important that all Kansans be treated with the respect and dignity they deserve."

The full text of the Executive Order may be found by clicking here or reading below.

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 15-05**

Preservation and Protection of Religious Freedom

**WHEREAS**, the protection of religious liberty from government infringement is a constitutional and fundamental state interest, and government is obligated to take measures that advance this interest by preventing government interference with religious exercise in a way that complements the protections mandated by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which provides:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." and Section Seven of the Bill of Rights of the Kansas Constitution, which provides:

"The right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience shall never be infringed; nor shall any person be

compelled to attend or support any form of worship; nor shall any control of or interference with the rights of conscience be permitted, nor any preference be given by law to any religious establishment or mode of worship."; and

**WHEREAS**, Kansas has a tradition of cooperating with charitable, religious, and private organizations in providing social services. Religious organizations and individuals have a long and distinguished history, which predates the State's involvement, of providing critical social services. Religious organizations have a unique capacity to provide these services and thus deliver substantial benefits to the residents of this State; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2013, I signed H.B. 2203, enacting the Kansas Preservation of Religious Freedom Act, K.S.A. 60-5303, which makes clear that state government shall not "substantially burden a person's civil right to exercise of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability, unless such government demonstrates, by clear and convincing evidence, that application of the burden to the person: (1) Is in furtherance of a compelling government interest; and (2) is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling government interest"; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent imposition of same sex marriage by the United States Supreme Court poses potential infringements on the civil right of religious liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, government actions and laws that protect the free exercise of religious beliefs about marriage will encourage private citizens and institutions to demonstrate tolerance for those beliefs and convictions and therefore contribute to a more respectful, diverse, and peaceful society.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby order and direct as follows:

#### 1 General protection of the free exercise of religious beliefs and moral convictions

The State Government is prohibited from taking any action inconsistent with the restrictions placed upon the State Government by the United States Constitution, or the Kansas Constitution, or the Kansas Preservation of Religious Freedom Act, against any individual clergy, religious leader, or religious organization on the basis that such person or organization believes or sincerely acts in accordance with a religious belief or moral conviction that marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman.

### 2 Specific protections for persons and religious organizations

- (a) The State Government shall not take any discriminatory action against any individual clergy or religious leader on the basis that such individual declines or will decline to perform, solemnize, or facilitate any marriage, based upon or consistent with the individual's sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction described in Section 1.
- (b) The State Government shall not take any discriminatory action against a religious organization, including those providing social services, wholly or partially on the basis that such organization declines or will decline to solemnize any marriage or to provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges for a purpose related to the solemnization, formation, celebration or recognition of any marriage, based upon or consistent with a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction described in Section 1.
- (c) The State Government shall not take any discriminatory action against a religious organization that provides social services or charitable services, which acts or intends to act upon sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction described in Section 1.

### **Definitions**

- (a) As used in this Order, State Government means all departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and political subdivisions of the State of Kansas.
- (b) As used in this Order, discriminatory action means any action taken by the State Government including, but not limited to:
- (1) negatively alter the tax treatment of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be assessed against, delay, revoke, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, an exemption from taxation of, any person;
- (2) disallow or otherwise make unavailable or deny a deduction for state tax purposes of any charitable contribution made to or by such person;
- (3) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, materially alter the terms or conditions of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any state grant, contract, subcontract, cooperative agreement, or loan from or to any person;
- (4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, materially alter the terms or conditions of, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any accreditation, licensing, custody award or agreement, recognition, or certification from or to any person.
- (c) Nothing in this Order shall be construed to prevent the State Government from providing, either directly or indirectly, any benefit or service authorized under State law.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order 15-05 and shall become effective immediately.

I received the following info from Kansas Legislative Representative Ron Highland. He has been so great in furnishing us with info and explaining what we don't understand. Remember Rep. Highland when election time comes – because he is always there for us. If you have questions let me know and I'll pass them on the State Rep. Ron Highland when election time comes!!

The budget bill passed with the minimum of votes in both chambers. Most Legislators voted no because they do not support the Governor's tax plan. Some voted no because they did not want any tax increase to deal with the shortfall. One additional fact was the Governor made it clear that he would veto any plan that contained any business tax of any kind. With his announcement we had no choice but to vote yes or no without any changes or compromise. The vote was very difficult for everyone.

Those that voted yes did so for various reasons. The schools had undergone a series of changes in funding with the block grant that stabilized their funding for the next two years, allowing time for developing a new formula. That plan would have been in jeopardy if the budget failed. Also, funding for an overall audit of government agencies was placed in the budget. The audit will give the legislature facts to work from to evaluate where efficiencies and cuts can be made. That provision would have been lost also. If the budget failed, the government would have shut down and the legislature would still be in session to resolve this issue. Although flawed, a yes vote allowed the government to stay open, the schools to remain funded, and a crisis averted that would have especially crippled Manhattan, the surrounding area, and the Kansas as a whole.

A part of the tax bill that has raised a great deal of criticism from many municipalities and County Commissioners is the property tax lid. This would allow the taxing authorities (municipalities and counties) to raise property taxes no more than the consumer price index. Several exceptions were added that gives them a great deal of latitude. A review of the history shows that since the founding of the State there have always been restrictions and through time they have changed to equalize across the state. In the past, some counties would raise taxes to be able to give tax breaks to entice businesses to their counties, leaving some poorer neighboring counties at a disadvantage. In 1999 a bill passed called "truth in taxation" that limited the increase in property taxes unless approved by the governing board (commissioners, etc.). Why are Commissioners feeling the voters should not be fully informed and supportive on spending for projects?

The new property tax law now requires the voters to approve increases above the consumer price index. Although controversial, this bill was requested by many constituents across the state, to include the Realtors Association. Homeowners, especially the elderly and/or retired on fixed incomes are having difficulty paying the increased property taxes. The bill is an attempt to stabilize taxation across the state. Ron voted for an amendment to the tax bill giving counties until 2018 to comply under the new law and language was included to add several exceptions. Some legislators and taxpayers have complained that allowing two years before taking effect was a mistake. They felt it should have taken effect sooner.

Our duly elected Governor has a plan to increase jobs and state population by increasing the number of businesses in our state. The plan is showing signs of working, but change in tax policy takes time. Analyses of the revenues received by the state show that they are increasing, but budgetary requests for more spending is outpacing the increase in revenue.

The bottom line is that a no vote, or not voting by failing to appear for the vote, means that a Representative or Senator was okay with the state government going into default followed by a crisis. Is the Manhattan Mercury also okay with a good share of the citizens of Riley County out of work during a furlough?

July 10, 2015

Dear Friend,

This week I returned to Washington after spending 10 days back home in Kansas. I hosted five town hall meetings and visited three communities on Independence Day. It once again reminded me that if my colleagues in Congress actually spent more time listening to constituents back home -- and less time listening to special interests in DC -- we would all be better off.

I hit the ground running this week, immediately went to work, and offered two critical amendments on the House floor.

The first amendment would stop the Obama Administration's ongoing attempt to cripple our rural economy by listing the Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC) as a threatened species. The LPC habitat had been decimated by drought, not human action, and the population is once again growing now that it is raining again. <u>Unfortunately, farmers, ranchers, energy producers and other small businesses are trying to operate under an oppressive, uncertain and expensive new federal government regulatory scheme - which includes the threat of massive fines and jail time for accidentally killing one of these birds.</u>

Working with the rest of the Kansas delegation, we passed this LPC amendment over the objections of Nancy Pelosi and her cronies.

The second amendment I introduced would protect the rights of our students and their parents to control the personal information being disclosed by schools. While the House Rules Committee refused to allow a privacy vote on the House floor, I will continue to work to advance this critical issue.

This week we also learned that as a result of our delegation's efforts, along with widespread community support at the February listening session, *Fort Riley was spared from potentially massive personnel cuts by the Army*. It was welcome news and demonstrates what can happen when we all work together to promote the critical, unique role of the Big Red One in the defense of our nation.

Lastly though, it appears that the GOP Establishment Republicans in the House and Senate are once again backing away from their promise to send an ObamaCare Repeal and Replace bill to the President's desk for the first time. Not only was this repeal vote promised to conservatives during the budget debate this spring, but it represents a tremendous opportunity to frame the 2016 presidential campaign.

The American people deserve to know which candidate for president would sign it and end this terrible law. Know that I will continue to work to hold GOP Leadership accountable to the promises they made to repeal ObamaCare and offer a patient-friendly alternative that let's you choose your health care - not some bureaucrat in Washington, nor a big insurance company. It is time to put our principles on President Obama's desk as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support of my work to stand up for our Kansas way of life. With just over a year before the primary and two announced opponents attacking me already, I refuse to stop fighting for the future of our nation.

Would you consider making a contribution today to ensure I am able to raise the resources necessary to win?

Yours in Liberty,

Congressman Tim Huelskamp

Sounds like a good idea to me - we can NOT afford to lose Representative Tim Huelskamp!!! Everyone, Please, DO WHAT YOU CAN!!!

#### **WALKING THE DOG**

A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her guide dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, "Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?" The blind lady said, "No thanks, but maybe Buddy would like to stretch his legs."

**Picture this: Then read below:** All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a guide dog for the blind! Even worse, the pilot was wearing sunglasses! People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story... Have a great day and remember... THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR!

REMEMBER how GREAT ObamaCare was to be — RECALL how it ACTUALLY IS? REMEMBER all the PROMISES OF SECURING OUR BORDERS? RECALL how our BORDERS are NOW? REMEMBER the promises of Congress WORKING TOGETHER if we elected REPUBLICANS? SEE how those people KEPT their PROMISES when THEY were SWORN INTO OFFICE? APPLY that to MANY of the RESULTS of the Presidents EXECUTIVE ORDERS. THINK about what YOU HAVE & what YOU WANT. WORK LONG & HARD – as LONG & HARD as needed to ACCOMPLISH what YOU WANT our WONDERFUL USA to be!!!! LEARN, WORK, & PRAY for GOD'S help for our UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. DON'T BE BLIND TO THE PROBLEMS – LEARN, WORK, PRAY!!!

Here we are at the end of our 100th issue of the Patriot's Truth. We started all this back in August, 2010 — It has NOT been easy — it is not only time consuming but causes a considerable budget deficit. There are those who contribute regularly — Thank You very much. Donations will be accepted. We pray that we have made a difference, or provided info not otherwise seen. We send it to around 900 e-mail subscribers and USPS "snail-mail" to nearly 50 people. We hand deliver it to additional local establishments — at the request of their customers.

Do you have suggestions how we can reach even more? To inform more citizens of happenings in our Great Country? We strive to inform/educate/motivate as many people as possible. All who want to make America great again, the powerful, worldwide respected, admired Country it once was. We want to ask for your help in reaching others, as well as your help in what you want to see in future issues. Which articles do you get the most from? What do you want to see more of? Do you want more from and about our Congressional members? Legislative members? Local elected officials? School Districts? "YES for Liberty" Scholarship program? We want to inform YOU on what YOU want to learn about. PLEASE, HELP US TO HELP YOU!!!

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