

# Republican National Hispanic Assembly Of Arkansas



## Press Release

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### **New State Organization Emerges for the Hispanic Community**

Bentonville, Arkansas - Wednesday, April 14, 2009 -- The RNHA is a national membership organization. Membership is open to all U.S. Citizens and legal residents, regardless race or ethnicity, that wish to identify themselves as Republicans and work to further the mission and goals of the RNHA.

Community leaders of Benton and Washington County organized a meeting on Saturday April 11, 2009 in Washington County and successfully organized the **Arkansas Republican National Hispanic Assembly** with close to 50 total members.

One of the organizers, John Eves, said "that in the last presidential election, the Republican Party did not do very well in reaching out to Hispanics in Arkansas." The number of U.S. citizens who are either Hispanic, married to Hispanic or have a relative comprise a significant percentage in America. The three organizers for this event firmly believe that Hispanic values are Republican values and vice versa. Core principles such as family, faith, freedom and future opportunities are concepts that bind us together. Individual responsibility, strong national security, limited government, a free market economy and traditional family values are all basic beliefs of Republicanism that are also core to most Hispanics. It is for this reason that Hispanics will find a home within Republicanism.

The mission of the RNHA is to build a membership organization to foster the principles of Republicanism in the Hispanic community; to provide Hispanic Americans with a forum to play an influential role in local, state, and national political activities; to increase the number of Hispanic Republican elected officials; and to create and maintain a network of Hispanic Republican leaders.

The 1972 Presidential campaign, for the first time in U.S. history, created an outreach committee to involve Hispanic American voters in politics. The Spanish Speaking Committee for the Re-Election of President Nixon was instrumental in the acquisition of 60% of the Hispanic vote.

Today, the RNHA continues to play an influential role in politics. With chapters throughout the nation, the RNHA is committed to its mission of inclusion, outreach and opportunity for the Hispanic community.

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