

Abolition of Abortion in Texas Resolution

WHEREAS 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;

WHEREAS The Republican Party of Texas Platform states: "We believe in... [t]he sanctity of human life, created in the image of God, which should be protected from fertilization to natural death" (PRINCIPLES, page 3); and it later states: "All innocent human life must be respected and safeguarded from fertilization to natural death; therefore, the unborn, the aged, and the physically or mentally challenged have a fundamental individual right to life, which cannot be infringed" (PROTECTING INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE, page 14);

WHEREAS murder is considered a crime under Texas Penal Code sections 19.02 and 19.03;

WHEREAS the 10th Amendment states that "[t]he powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas calls upon the Texas legislature to repeal section 19.06 of the Texas Penal Code, which contradicts section 19.01 by permitting the murder of unborn children; and that the Republican Party of Texas calls upon the Texas legislature to ignore and refuse to enforce any and all federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, and court rulings which would deprive an unborn child of the right to life.

Be it further resolved, we direct the State Party Chair and the State Republican Executive Committee to consider such repeal--and not lesser, incremental approaches that may save some unborn lives, but not all--as a legislative priority for the 2017 legislative session and to utilize reasonable Party resources necessary to promote and support its passage.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the _____
Senatorial/County Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # _____ of the
_____ County Republican Party, with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the Republican Party of Texas.

Adopted this ____ day of March, 2016, at the Precinct Convention of Precinct # _____ of the
_____ Party of Texas.