

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; and

WHEREAS: The 2016 Platform of the Republican Party of Texas (Platform) states that we believe in the “sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be protected from fertilization to natural death” (3), and that all “innocent human life must be respected and safeguarded from fertilization to natural death; therefore, the unborn... have a fundamental individual right to life, which cannot be infringed” (12); and

WHEREAS: The Platform also states: “Abolish Abortion - We call upon the Texas Legislature to enact legislation stopping the murder of unborn children; and 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” (12), and this plank is included as a legislative priority of the party; and

WHEREAS: Despite commendable efforts by some, the 85th Texas Legislature failed to complete this priority, even though it gained nearly 90% support of delegates to the state convention; and

WHEREAS: Failure to re-adopt this legislative priority would send the wrong message; and

WHEREAS: Texas Penal Code § 1.07 defines an individual human person to mean “a human being who is alive, including an unborn child at every stage of gestation from fertilization until birth,” but Texas Penal Code § 19.06 denies preborn children the equal protection of our laws against murder; and

WHEREAS: The 10th Amendment provides, “The 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 enact legislation to stop the murder of unborn children; and 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: That we direct the State Party Chair and the State Republican Executive Committee to consider such repeal--and not other approaches that regulate abortion--as a legislative priority for the 2019 legislative session and to utilize reasonable Party resources necessary to promote and support its passage.

Adopted this _____ day of March, 2018, at the Precinct Convention of Precinct # _____ of the Republican Party of Texas.