

## **Resolution to hold Republican elected leaders accountable to Pro-Life Values**

**Whereas**, the 2018 Platform of the Republican Party of Texas affirms “The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be protected from fertilization to natural death” as the second governing Principle of the Party and that we “believe in this platform and expect our elected leaders to uphold these truths through acknowledgment and action;” and

**Whereas**, the 2018 Platform states “The Republican Party of Texas should provide financial support only to those candidates who support the right-to-life planks” (Plank 332); and

**Whereas**, the Republican Party of Texas specified “Pro-Life” as one of the five Legislative Priorities for the 86th Legislative Session; and

**Whereas**, despite the 2018 Republican Party Platform and Legislative Priorities clearly stating the importance of Pro-Life issues to Republican voters, elected officials did not pass one bill that directly bans any abortions during the Regular Session of the 86th Texas Legislature, while other states continue to take bold legislative actions to ban abortions; and

**Whereas**, despite repeated widespread grassroots calls for a Special Session of the 86th Texas Legislature in order to pass bills directly banning abortions and fulfill the Pro-Life Legislative Priority, most elected officials, and Republican Party leaders chose to ignore that call; and

**Whereas**, many Republican elected officials continue to, through their speeches and votes, publicly oppose legislation promoting the Pro-Life planks of the Republican Party of Texas Platform, including at least one Republican elected official who publicly admits to supporting pro-abortion laws and has received tens of thousands of dollars from Planned Parenthood; and

**Whereas**, these Republican elected officials continue to receive endorsements, support, and financial contributions from the Republican Party of Texas and Republican Elected Officials;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Republican Party of \_\_\_\_\_ County recommends the Rules Committees of the State Convention adopt into the 2020 Rules these policies holding Republican elected officials accountable to our Pro-Life values, including:

- A) that the Republican Party of Texas, SREC members, and elected members of the Republican Party of Texas, including the executive branch, should not provide support in any form, including but not limited to contributions, endorsements, fundraising, or advertising, to candidates who directly act in opposition to the Right-To-Life Planks and Pro-Life Principles of the Platform; and,
- B) that when no legislation is passed during a regular legislative session that directly bans abortions, the Chair, SREC members, and other leadership of the Republican Party of Texas shall publicly request the Governor of the State of Texas call a special session, reconvening the Texas Legislature in order to directly ban abortions.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, at the Precinct Convention of Precinct # \_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ County Republican Party of Texas.