

Resolution Proclaiming That Life Wins Elections (Draft)

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) at its 2024 State Convention affirmed by overwhelming majorities of delegates a resolutely and comprehensively pro-life Platform; and

WHEREAS, in the Principles of the 2024 RPT Platform, the Party declares without hesitation that “We believe in the sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be equally protected from fertilization to natural death”; and [1]

WHEREAS, the Republican Party throughout Texas has grown into a majority Party in the last few decades, not by avoiding the defense of preborn human life, but by embracing it as a foundational principle and by turning those beliefs into true Legislative successes that have saved the lives of many young Texans; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 – the first general election after *Roe v. Wade* and the first election after the Texas legislature passed, and Gov. Abbott signed an abortion ban – Texas Democrats made so-called “abortion rights” a centerpiece of their campaign against Texas Republicans; and

WHEREAS, Texas Republicans won a resounding victory in 2022, sweeping all statewide offices by double digit margins and even INCREASING its majority in the state House, proving that pro-life laws are good policy AND good politics; and

WHEREAS, self-managed abortions are on the rise, resulting in an estimated 21,000 abortions in Texas the first twelve months after the *Dobbs* decision and demonstrating that abortion is still a timely issue that subjects tens of thousands of innocent preborn Texas babies to termination; and

WHEREAS, ten years of polling by the University of Texas shows that, by nearly a four-to-one margin, Texas Republicans identify as pro-life; and

WHEREAS, the most reliably Republican voters who are the core of the Party are even more committed to the protection of preborn life; and

WHEREAS, the reality in Texas is that our Republican Party is the majority Party, not despite our belief in protecting life, but because we have consistently championed the protection of life; and

WHEREAS, decades of pro-life work by Republicans and President Trump's steadfastness in appointing faithful constitutionalists to the Supreme Court finally secured a major nationwide victory in 2022 with the United States Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and that pro-abortion forces are already trying to undo these new protections for preborn children; and

WHEREAS, for the past 40 the years the national Republican platform called for a human life amendment to the Constitution and supported legislation extending the 14th Amendment's protections to preborn children;

WHEREAS, this unabashedly prolife national platform helped propel Republicans to six presidential election victories (seven counting the rigged 2020 election) – including the two Reagan landslides;

WHEREAS, the 2024 Republican National Convention adopted the weakest position on protecting unborn life of any national Republican platform since 1976;

WHEREAS, the RPT Preamble and Principles are what unite us as Republicans and are foundational statements, and that LIFE is not something to be deprioritized, but rather celebrated; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Republican Party of Texas stands steadfastly with innocent preborn children and their Constitutional right to equal protection under the law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Republican Party of Texas recognizes the reversal of *Roe* – an egregious judicial power grab – as one of President Trump's most important legacies and we look forward to working with him and his administration to achieve more pro-life victories in the next four years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Republican Party of Texas will work tirelessly for the restoration of strong prolife language in the national Republican platform that recognizes the Constitutional right to life of preborn children;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT those who unapologetically oppose the foundational Principles of this Party – Principles overwhelmingly supported by the grassroots conservatives that have led our Party to WIN in Texas – should not be permitted to weaken those Principles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT weakening our Principles in a cynically calculated surrender is a craven commitment to LOSE the moral mandate to “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,” to LOSE the hard-fought victories that the pro-life movement has made in recent years in defense of human life, and to LOSE the very conscience of our Republican Party, which was founded to free slaves and today seeks to free the most innocent among us from slaughter; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, PRINCIPLES WIN ELECTIONS!