## RESOLUTION PROMOTING THE SUPPORT OF TEXAS ACTIVE MILITARY AND VETERANS BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS (FINAL)

Whereas, 2022 statistics list 1,401,173 veterans residing in Texas, making Texas the state with the highest veteran population <sup>1</sup>; and

Whereas, Texas is the proud home to 15 active duty military installations with an economic impact of over \$100 billion <sup>2</sup>; and

Whereas, a Veteran Affairs category was added to the Texas Republican Platform by the 2024 Platform Committee during the Texas State Republican Convention; and

Whereas, the Republican Party of Texas is in the prime position to become an active voice for Texas Veterans by actively supporting and promoting their requested financial, medical, housing, and benefits to the Texas Legislature; and

Whereas, the Military Partnership Committee of the Harris County Republican Party was created as an ad hoc committee in 2000 and was established as a standing committee in 2008 with the responsibility to interface with military personnel and the families of the military personnel from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, Texas National Guard, Texas State Guard, and all United States based military branch reserves; and

Whereas, the Harris County Military Partnership Committee is the only Republican Military Partnership Committee associated with a Republican County Party in the State of Texas; and

Whereas, the Harris County Military Partnership Committee works to strengthen relationships between the Texas Republican Party, Republican Candidates, military personnel, and veterans of military service through engagement, voter registration, and voter education; and

Whereas, the Harris County Military Partnership Committee suggests, promotes, and supports veteran and active military legislation;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Texas Republican Party and the State Republican Executive Committee members recommend that a standing Military Partnership Committee be established within each Republican County Party within the State of Texas to expand their outreach to Texas Veterans and Active-Duty Military; and

Be it further resolved that the Texas Republican Party and the State Republican Executive Committee members vote to establish a special Military Partnership Committee within the State Republican Executive Committee, made up of the State Republican Executive Committee veteran members, who will meet with veterans to address their concerns and serve as an additional voice for Texas Veterans at a legislative level; and

Be it further resolved that the Texas Republican Party develop a system of veteran registration within the Party to identify Texas Republican Veterans to enable Party outreach, engagement, and communication.

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