

## **Resolution Regarding Criminal Liability for Abortion Providers**

**WHEREAS**, current Texas law provides protection to negligent abortion doctors whose actions result in death and injury to numerous women and unborn children from being held fully accountable for their wrongdoing; and

**WHEREAS**, widespread legal and health violations by abortion clinics in Texas are well documented; and

**WHEREAS**, the platform of the Republican Party of Texas strongly supports the ethics of protecting innocent human life and personal accountability

**WHEREAS**, the platform of Republican Party of Texas strictly supports adherence to the Constitution of the United States, which affirms the 14th amendment, that no state shall "deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 13, of the Texas Constitution states, "All courts shall be open, and every person for an injury done him, in his lands, goods, person, or reputation, shall have remedy by due course of law;" and

**WHEREAS**, the full amount of damages assessed against an abortionist found liable of negligence or wrongful death would best be determined through financial penalties in a criminal lawsuit, with a jury operating under a proven, established judicial framework;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas encourage the Texas legislature to enact legislation which provides for criminal penalties against abortionists found guilty of negligence in performing the abortion and / or wrongful death of the mother, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Republican legislators.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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