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WHEREAS, the federal court of appeals panel which recently issued new legislative and congressional maps overstepped their authority and usurped the authority of the duly elected Texas legislature; and,

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas has long stood for the principle that courts should not engage in judicial activism; and,

WHEREAS, the interim maps proposed by the federal court of appeals panel disenfranchises numerous voters by crossing county lines, adversely impacting the electability of Republicans of Hispanic descent; be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee authorizes the State Chairman to send a letter to all state senators, state representatives, state legislative candidates and congressional candidates, informing them that it will be the official position of the Republican Party of Texas, that in the event the federal panel's interim maps are implemented for the 2012 elections, that the 83rd Texas Legislature should correct this injustice by drawing new maps in accordance with the wishes of the citizenry; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee authorizes the state chairman to send a letter to Governor Perry, Lt. Governor Dewhurst and Speaker Straus, requesting that they support the drawing of new maps; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the State Chairman be authorized to request that all candidates for the Texas House of Representatives and Texas Senate pledge to support redistricting in the event the federal court maps are implemented; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee authorizes the State Chairman to expend whatever resources of time or money are necessary to assemble a political team to garner statewide public support for such an effort.

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Passed unanimously by the Republican Party of Texas, December 3, 2011.