

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Whereas, many types of personal and sensitive information, including personal identifiers such as Social Security Numbers and Driver's License Numbers, along with Demographic Information and Health Information, are routinely collected and required of citizens who conduct activity with both government and private sector organizations such including healthcare providers, businesses and financial organizations; and

Whereas, the inadvertent or deliberate release by organizations that collect sensitive personal information beyond what is required to conduct the activity for which the information was initially collected can contribute to identify theft, fraud, interruption of personal lives, damage to reputations, financial loss and risks associated with national security; and

Whereas, the unauthorized release or misuse of sensitive personal information can create a tremendous burden and costs for any citizen who must deal with that misuse;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas urges the creation and passage of legislation to halt the bulk sale of unredacted personal and sensitive information by Texas governmental entities; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas supports the passage of SB205, SB1005 and HB59 in order to protect the personal and confidential information of the citizens of Texas and to reduce the impact of misuse of sensitive or confidential personal information in areas related to identity theft, fraud, Homeland Security, illegal immigration, and national security; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas urges Governor Perry to veto HB2061, which immunizes County Clerks from suit for unauthorized release of personal and sensitive information; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Gov. Perry, Lt. Gov. Dewhurst and all Texas Republican legislators.

Approved this 24th day of March 2007 by Texas SREC