

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF GAMBLING IN TEXAS

Whereas, the Republican Party of Texas strongly opposes the legalization of activity that negatively impacts the citizens of Texas; and

Whereas, the expansion of legalized gambling activity in Texas could create significant negative impacts on the citizens of Texas through costs associated with gambling addiction, regulatory action and criminal activity, all of which have been historically documented by many groups including the American Medical Association, policy organizations and religious organizations; and

Whereas, legalization of gambling-related activity in Texas such as horse racing tracks, based on economic projections by supporters, has not resulted in the positive results that were projected and has significantly underperformed those projections; therefore

Be It Resolved, that the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas opposes the further legalization of gambling activity in Texas and encourages the State Legislature to oppose any further legalization of gambling activity in Texas.

Be It Resolved, that the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas opposes any legislation supporting gambling activity in Texas that would call for a vote on a constitutional amendment pertaining to this issue.

Approved this 24th day of March 2007 by Texas SREC