

## Resolution for Religious Freedom Protections for Texans

**WHEREAS**, Religious freedom is the foundation of a free society and it is the government's responsibility is to protect the religious freedom of its citizens.

**WHEREAS**, Since the United States Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage in 2015, federal, state, and local governments have punished individuals, businesses, and nonprofits because of their beliefs that marriage is between one man and one woman.

**WHEREAS**, A San Antonio Air Force Sgt. was relieved of his duties for religious beliefs on marriage in 2013.

**WHEREAS**, Pastors in the City of Houston were subpoenaed by former Mayor Annise Parker of Houston because the pastors disagreed with the Mayor's beliefs on human sexuality and marriage in 2014.

**WHEREAS**, A Hood County Clerk was sued because she deferred issuing a marriage license due to her sincerely held religious beliefs, even though the couple received the license in a timely manner in 2015.

**WHEREAS**, Edie Delorme, a Longview cake baker, received serious death threats against her and her family because she declined to design a same-sex wedding cake in 2016.

**WHEREAS**, Justice of the Peace, Bill Metzger, from Dallas County has sought to exercise his religious liberty rights to not be forced to perform marriages that violate his religious beliefs. Because of his stance, he and his family have received significant threats.

**WHEREAS**, In 2016 Bella Rubio retired as a Texas combination county clerk & district clerk for Real instead of taking a chance on the unknown climate of the law on conscience protections.

**WHEREAS**, A 2016 study by Georgetown University and the Newseum Institute found that religion has a strong, positive impact on the economy, \$378 billion annually – or more than a third of a trillion dollars; more than the global annual revenues of tech giants Apple and Microsoft combined."

**WHEREAS**, The United States Supreme Court is scheduled in 2018 to make a decision that will impact the entire nation on religious freedom; in a case involving Jack Phillips, a Colorado baker.

**WHEREAS**, Attorneys in Texas that defend religious liberty report an increase in requests for assistance from business owners, government employees, and individuals who are concerned that they will be punished because of their beliefs that marriage is between a man and a woman.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Texas Legislature should pass legislation to protect Texans from being discriminated against by government entities if their belief of marriage is between one man and one woman.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Therefore, be it resolved** that the Republican Party of \_\_\_\_\_ County calls on the Texas Legislature to pass legislation to pass the First Amendment Defense Act to protect Texans from being discriminated against by governmental entities if their belief of marriage is between one man and one woman, and that an individual's sex is determined by anatomy and genetics at the time of birth.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at the Precinct Convention of

Precinct # \_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ County Republican Party of Texas.