

Resolution on Protecting Privacy in Texas Schools and Government Buildings

WHEREAS, In 2014, in one of the most diverse cities in the nation, Houston, the people overwhelmingly voted down an ordinance, by a vote of 61-39%, that went beyond state law, would have allowed men into women’s bathrooms, and would have punished private businesses for not following the ordinance.

WHEREAS, Texas cities such as Plano, Dallas, Mesquite, and Bexar County have forced through similar ordinances despite major opposition.

WHEREAS, In 2016 Fort Worth ISD implemented policies that allow boys into girls’ bathrooms, showers, and locker rooms. The guidelines also prohibited parents from being told if their child claimed to identify as the opposite sex.

WHEREAS, In 2016, Dripping Springs Independent School District started allowing boys into girls’ bathrooms without informing parents or voting on the issue.

WHEREAS, In 2016, the Texas Attorney General led a coalition of 13 states to stop the dangerous “Dear Colleague Letter” from the Department of Education and the Department of Justice that threatened to withhold federal funding from schools if they did not allow boys into girls’ showers, locker rooms, bathrooms, and hotel rooms. A Texas Federal District Judge issued a nationwide injunction to stop the letter from being enforced, and the Trump administration withdrew the letter in 2017.

WHEREAS, In 2017, the Texas Senate passed the Privacy Act (SB 6 by Kolkhorst), in the regular session.

WHEREAS, In 2017, the Speaker of the Texas House refused to allow the House version of a privacy bill (HB 2899 by Simmons) to be voted on, even though the bill had 80 coauthors.

WHEREAS, In 2017, Governor Greg Abbott called for a privacy bill to pass in the special session.

WHEREAS, In 2017, the Texas Senate passed the Privacy Act (SB 3 by Kolkhorst) in the special session.

WHEREAS, In 2017, the Speaker of the Texas House refused to allow a privacy bill to be voted on in the special session.

WHEREAS In 2017, the San Antonio ISD fast-tracked a policy for employees and students that forces women employees and girls to have to share showers, locker-rooms, and bathrooms with men and boys.

WHEREAS, There have been multiple incidents in Texas where men have entered, accessed, or attempted to have access, to women’s facilities in places such as the Salvation Army, Denton Senior Center, Parkland Hospital, FMC Carswell, and many other places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of _____ County calls on the Texas Legislature to pass legislation to protect privacy in public schools and government buildings by ensuring multi-use facilities, including showers, changing rooms, and bathrooms, are designated for and used only by persons based on the person’s biological sex.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____, at the Precinct Convention of

Precinct # ____ of the _____ County Republican Party of Texas.