

## **Resolution - A call for Texas to Rescind all Constitutional/Article V Convention Applications**

WHEREAS, the Texas State Legislature, acting with the best of intentions, has made application to the Congress of the United States of America to call for an Article V Convention of the States,

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence proclaims that “it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish” their form of government whenever it fails to secure their rights, which implies that a convention of representatives of the sovereign people in an Article V “convention for proposing amendments” would have the inherent power to propose sweeping changes to the Constitution (also known as a “runaway” convention), any limitations or restrictions purportedly imposed by the states in applying for such a convention or conventions to the contrary notwithstanding, thereby creating an imminent peril to the well-established rights of the citizens and the duties of various levels of government as defined by our present Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America has been amended many times in the history of this nation and may be amended many more times, without the need to resort to an Article V constitutional convention, and has been interpreted for more than two hundred years and has been found to be a sound document which protects the lives and liberties of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, there is no need for, rather, there is great danger in, subjecting our form of government, which is based on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, to sweeping changes that would undermine its philosophical foundation of instituting government based on the principle of securing God-given rights; and,

WHEREAS, the best solution for reining in the federal government is an informed electorate which will hold public officials accountable to our existing Constitution with its principles of limited government, rather than risking a runaway Article V convention:

WHEREAS, people completely opposed to the purposes of our and other states applications for an Article V Convention, and those who actually oppose the structure of our Constitutional Republic, will have equal opportunity to become delegates to said convention,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Republican Party of Texas urges our Republican Legislators to rescind all calls made for an Article V Convention of the States, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Plank #92 in the 2020 RPT Platform be removed and replaced with language reading: **Plank XX: Article V Convention of States: We urge our Legislators to rescind all applications made by Texas for an Article V Convention.**

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the \_\_\_\_\_  
County/Senate District # \_\_\_\_\_ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_ with the recommendation  
that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the Republican Party of Texas.**