

# RESOLUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BEXAR COUNTY CALLING FOR A STATEWIDE VOTE ON TEXAS INDEPENDENCE

Submitted by Cameron Quintanilla Precinct 4102 Chair

**WHEREAS** the Republic of Texas existed as an independent nation for nine years, and when it accepted admission to the Union in 1845, it remained a free and independent state subject only to the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS** the Republican Party of Bexar County believes in the Rule of Law under both the United States and Texas Constitutions; and

**WHEREAS**, these rights are retained by the People and protected by the Constitution of these United States, and the Constitution of the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS** the Ninth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states: "the enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people," protects ancillary rights that are specifically listed in the Constitution and further builds upon the Tenth Amendment; and

**WHEREAS** the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people;" and

**WHEREAS**, Article 1 Section 1 of the Texas State Constitution states, "Texas is a free and independent State, subject only to the Constitution of the United States, and the maintenance of our free institutions and the perpetuity of the Union depend upon the preservation of the right of local self-government, unimpaired to all the States;" and

**WHEREAS**, Article 1 Section 2 of the Texas State Constitution states, "All political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their benefit. The faith of the people of Texas stands pledged to the preservation of a republican form of government, and, subject to this limitation only, they have at all times the inalienable right to alter, reform or abolish their government in such manner as they may think expedient;" and

**WHEREAS** the Republican delegates assembled in convention passed Plank 33, which states, "Pursuant to Article 1, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution, the federal government has impaired our right of local self-government. Therefore, federally mandated legislation that infringes upon the 10th Amendment rights of Texas should be ignored, opposed, refused, and nullified. Texas retains the right to secede from the

United States, and the Texas Legislature should be called upon to pass a referendum consistent thereto,” and

**WHEREAS** the Republican delegates assembled in convention passed Plank 225, which states, “Texas Independence: We urge the Texas Legislature to pass bill in its next session requiring a referendum in the 2023 General Election for the people of Texas to determine whether or not the State of Texas should reassert its status as an independent nation;” and

**WHEREAS** the Republican Party of Bexar County maintains that:

- The federal government's usurpation of the sovereignty of Texas directly contravenes the U.S. Constitution, diminishing the state's authority and autonomy.
- The federal government's operation and policies are outside the bounds of its delegated functions under the U.S. Constitution, leading to the centralization of power in the hands of an out-of-control federal bureaucracy.
- Excessive federal taxation levied upon Texans violates the principles of fiscal responsibility and state sovereignty enshrined in the Constitution.
- Texans are burdened by the overwhelming dysfunction of the federal government, which hinders the state's ability to effectively govern in accordance with the Constitution.
- The imposition of excessive federal regulations on Texas businesses infringes upon the state's constitutional right to manage its own economy.
- The border and immigration crisis, fueled by inadequate federal policies, undermines Texas' constitutional rights, and endangers its citizens.
- Texans suffer from the repercussions of the federal government's soaring debt, which is unsustainable and incongruent with the founding principles of the U.S. Constitution.
- The overpayment of \$103-\$160 billion by Texas into the federal system represents an unjust exploitation of the state's resources, contrary to the spirit of the Constitution.
- The federal government's neglect of Texas' interests and challenges contravenes the constitutional principle of equal representation and protection for all states.
- The federal government has further implemented thousands of laws, mandates, and agencies in violation of the United States Constitution and of the sovereignty of the State of Texas; and
- Disastrous federal monetary policies have a detrimental impact on Texas' economy and violate the state's constitutional rights.
- Attacks on the right to keep and bear arms infringe upon Texans' Second Amendment rights and undermine the U.S. Constitution's protection of individual liberties.

- Federal assaults on the oil and gas industry in Texas threaten the state's economic well-being and encroach upon its constitutional right to manage its own resources.
- Texans decry the steady erosion of individual liberties and state sovereignty under the oppressive influence of an increasingly centralized federal government, which contravenes the U.S. Constitution.
- The federal government's intentional social engineering of our military and police has created a national security and public safety disaster leaving our state and communities under constant threat from hostile actors.

**WHEREAS**, for the herein above-listed reasons, the Republican Party of Bexar County believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Bexar County and Texas to hold a statewide vote on whether or not Texas should reassert its status as an independent nation.

**WHEREAS** the Republican Party of Bexar County does support the approval of Texas independence from the Union.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Republican Party of Bexar County calls for the Texas Legislature, along with the Governor, to act immediately on Planks 33 and 225 of the 2022 Texas Republican Platform and pass legislation immediately requiring a referendum in the next General Election for the people of Texas to determine whether the State of Texas should reassert its status as an independent nation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Republican Party of Bexar County calls for the State Republican Executive Committee to place the question of whether or not “the State of Texas should reassert its status as an independent nation” on the next primary election ballot; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if a majority of voters in the primary answer the aforementioned ballot question in the affirmative, the Republican Party of Bexar County calls for the Republican Party of Texas, at its next regular convention, to designate legislation calling for a full statewide vote asking the same question as an official legislative priority.

Adopted this    th day of                   , 2023, at the Bexar County Executive Committee Meeting of the Republican Party of Texas.