

Resolution Calling for IVF Reporting Requirements and Embryo Protections

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas affirms the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death; and

WHEREAS, in vitro fertilization (IVF) creates human embryos that deserve protection as unborn children; and

WHEREAS, transparency in IVF practices is essential to safeguard these embryos and prevent their abandonment or destruction; and

WHEREAS, embryo adoption programs offer a life-affirming alternative to discarding surplus embryos;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas supports legislation to protect unborn life from conception by:

1. Requiring IVF clinics to submit annual reports to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission detailing the number of embryos created, the number and status of those in cryopreservation or storage, and outcomes for any discarded or transferred embryos;
2. Mandating protections for embryos once created, including protocols for transfer of custody in the event of clinic closure, abandonment, patient death, or divorce, to ensure they are not destroyed without due process;
3. Requiring clinics to provide patients with written information about embryo adoption programs and resources prior to any cryopreservation, empowering families to choose life-affirming options.