

**Resolution: Compassionate Protection of Innocent Human Life** (replacing Plank 23 on the 2024 RPT Platform):

**WHEREAS**, the Republican Party of Texas reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death; and

**WHEREAS**, the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and the enactment of strong pro-life laws in Texas have saved thousands of unborn lives while affirming that women facing unplanned pregnancies deserve care, compassion, and support; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas law rightly focuses enforcement on illegal abortion providers, traffickers, and distributors of chemical abortion drugs who profit from ending unborn lives and exploiting vulnerable women, while shielding mothers from criminal prosecution; and

**WHEREAS**, proposals that seek to criminalize women who obtain abortions, including calls for the death penalty or lengthy prison sentences, are inconsistent with compassion, counterproductive to enforcement, and contrary to the pro-life movement's commitment to protecting both mother and child; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that Pregnancy Resource Centers continue both to save thousands of children from abortion and bring healing and a change of heart to those who have aborted their children. Without immunity, many women would never consider going to a Pregnancy Resource Center, either when considering an abortion or after getting an abortion; and

**WHEREAS**, women often face coercion, pressure, misinformation, or abuse when confronted with an unplanned pregnancy, and punishing them undermines efforts to build a culture of life rooted in mercy, accountability, and justice; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Republican Party of Texas affirms a compassionate pro-life approach that:

1. Strengthens enforcement against illegal abortion providers, traffickers, and distributors of chemical abortion drugs;
2. Opposes criminal penalties against women for abortion, so that mothers may freely access life-affirming pregnancy resource centers, which successfully save lives and bring support and healing;
3. Supports increased funding and resources for pregnancy centers, adoption services, maternal health programs, and post-abortion healing; and
4. Advances education and outreach that affirms the dignity of every human life and empowers women to choose life.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that by rejecting punitive measures against women and focusing accountability where it belongs, on illegal abortion providers, Texas can continue to protect innocent life while building a true culture of life.