



Resolution Defending Medical Freedom and Personal Responsibility

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been responsible for many deaths and hospitalizations and continues to take a serious toll on our communities; and

WHEREAS, in the face of this pandemic, Texans must take responsibility for their health and the health of their families and, in consultation with their physicians and health care providers, make informed decisions about vaccines, masks, treatments, and other measures to keep them safe; and

WHEREAS, every individual's medical status and risk profile is unique and one-size-fits-all mandates can be ineffective or even harmful; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has, through executive order, prohibited governmental entities from imposing mask mandates; and

WHEREAS, many local governmental entities, including school districts, are defying Governor Abbott's order and requiring masking – even of young children; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has, through executive order, prohibited governmental entities from imposing COVID-19 vaccine mandates on employees; and

WHEREAS, private entities are increasingly mandating the COVID-19 vaccine for employees and customers; and

WHEREAS, public mask mandates, vaccine mandates, and vaccine passports, whether in the public or private sphere, are contrary to the Republican Party of Texas' belief in individual liberty and medical freedom; and

WHEREAS, pervasive vaccine mandates and passports in the private sphere can be just as insidious and dangerous to liberty as government mandates, by creating a dystopian surveillance society in which an individual can be denied employment or blocked from commercial activity because of vaccination status; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas applauds Governor Abbott's order prohibiting mask mandates by public entities and private entities receiving public funds, thanks him for adding prohibition of public vaccine mandates to the special session call, and thanks both him and Attorney General Ken Paxton for aggressively enforcing the order against rogue local government officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas opposes vaccine mandates, both public and private, urges Governor Abbott to add a ban on private vaccine mandates to the special session call, and asks the Texas Legislature to enact laws protecting Texans from public and private vaccine mandates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Attorney General Ken Paxton, House Speaker Dade Phelan, and all Senators and House members.