Resolution In Support of Parental Rights

WHEREAS, parental rights continue to be violated because school districts are not providing full transparency of the contents of sex education lessons and materials with Critical Race Theory (CRT) components and Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

WHEREAS, local parents, family members, teachers, and administrators who have stood for parents' rights have been harassed and intimidated for their beliefs.

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code (TEC) Chapter 26 (Sec. 26.001) affirms that parents are to be partners and active participants with teachers and educational administrators in the public education of their children.

WHEREAS, public school parents of students in grades pre-K through grade 12 have the right and duty to direct the moral and religious training of their children as stated in Texas Family Code 151, and these rights must be recognized, affirmed, enforced, and protected.

WHEREAS, The US Supreme Court has ruled that, "transmitting obscenity and child pornography, whether via the Internet or other means, is... illegal under federal law for both adults and juveniles."-Reno v. ACLU, 521 U.S. 844 (1998).

WHEREAS, Texas Penal Code Sections 43.21 and 43.23 define obscene material and obscenity offenses, and Section 43.24 defines harmful material and offenses for dissemination of materials deemed harmful to minors, with definitions in almost identical language.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Gillespie County continues to uphold, defend, and support the principles set forth under Texas Law to protect the parental rights of pre-K through grade 12 students in Texas public schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Gillespie County continues to support the rights of parents and concerned citizens for the removal of school curriculum materials, library books and instruction that are deemed age inappropriate as well as potentially obscene and harmful material.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on the Texas Legislature to remove the education exemption from the obscenity statute.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the School Board Trustees within Gillespie County and published in the local paper.

Passed on June 7, 2022 by: Gillespie County Republican Party Executive Committee PO Box 2975 Fredericksburg, Tx. 78624

