

## **Resolution to Promote Private Infant Adoption as the Loving Alternative to Abortion**

**Whereas**, with elective abortion prohibited in Texas, policymakers should prioritize policies that equip women with practical support to choose life, including infant adoption, which is separate and distinct from foster care adoptions; and

**Whereas**, infant adoption remains underutilized due to attacks from the media and radical pro-abortion activists spreading misinformation and accusations despite the high demand for adoptive families; and

**Whereas**, national data indicates roughly 50 abortions occur for every infant adoption placement, and while over one million families wait to adopt each child placed for adoption;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Republican Party of \_\_\_\_\_ County recommends the State Convention Platform Committee amend current Plank 190 addressing foster care and add a new plank addressing private infant adoption separately to recognize their distinct policy goals; and

**Therefore, be it resolved** that 2024 Plank 190 is amended to read as follows:

190. Foster Care and CPS: We urge the Texas Legislature:

- a) Expand community-based care: Increase partnerships with local private and nonprofit charitable organizations to create a safer and more responsive system.
- b) Require a guilty verdict before placing individuals in the Central Registry. Currently an unsubstantiated accusation of abuse or neglect can lead to Texans' being listed in a government database and cause them to lose jobs and suffer other penalties without ever being found guilty by a court. In some cases, even those found innocent remain listed on the database. No Texan shall be deprived of liberty or their right to earn a living without a fair hearing.
- c) Expand service options: Improve care for families of children at risk of entering foster care by providing more choice and flexibility for family preservation services outside of the current state-contracted services.
- d) End hidden foster care: Many families are threatened and coerced into giving up custody of their children without ever going to court. Texas shall protect parents' rights and end coercive agreements by limiting CPS's ability to separate families without court oversight.
- e) Repeal anonymous reporting: False reporting of families to CPS can lead to great harm and a large waste of resources. False reporting can be prevented while increasing the accuracy of reports to CPS by eliminating the option of anonymous reporting in favor of confidentiality. Professionals who must report suspicious activity shall be trained on alternatives to filing a CPS report and permitted to refer struggling families to community service providers.
- f) Increase funding to foster care background checks and wellness checks, including interviewing children in foster care.

**Be it further resolved** that a new plank be added to the platform to read as follows:

\_\_\_\_. Infant Adoption: We acknowledge the ideal outcome is that birth parents are able and willing to raise their own children, however when that is not possible, we fully support infant adoption. We call on the Texas Legislature to promote adoption as an alternative to abortion by passing legislation that will:

- a) Encourage adoption as a compassionate alternative to abortion through public education distinguishing voluntary infant adoption from foster care adoption.
- b) Promote policies that make infant adoption more affordable, streamlined, and accessible for qualified families while protecting the rights of birth parents.
- c) Support initiatives that combat the misinformation and confusion about birth parents, adoptive families, and adoptees.
- d) Ensure access to counseling and supportive services, including affordable mental health care, for birth parents, adoptive families, and adopted children.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, at the Precinct Convention of Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ County Republican Party of Texas.

## **Background for Resolution to Promote Infant Adoption as the Loving Alternative to Abortion**

### **Background:**

Texas has the opportunity to continue building a culture that supports women, children, and families by increasing awareness of infant adoption as a meaningful alternative to abortion for women facing unexpected pregnancies.

Misunderstanding and stigma surrounding adoption, particularly confusion between foster care and private infant adoption, discourage consideration of adoption as a viable option. Private infant adoption is typically voluntary and involves newborn placement through private, Texas licensed agencies with families prepared for immediate permanency, while foster care adoption involves children removed from unsafe environments with reunification with biological parents as the goal.

Despite misconceptions, many families actively seek to adopt babies through private adoption, and newborn placements are generally matched quickly with permanent homes, as estimates show over one million Americans are waiting to adopt newborns. However, national data reveals that approximately 40% of unexpected pregnancies end in abortion while fewer than 1% result in adoption, meaning for every 50 babies aborted, only one is placed for adoption, a disparity influenced by stigma and lack of education (Informing Choice: The Role of Adoption in Women's Pregnancy Decision-Making by Elizabeth Kirk and Ryan Hanlon).

Texas has begun addressing adoption awareness through recent legislative efforts, but additional policy focus is needed to normalize adoption, improve affordability, and expand supportive services for all parties involved. Supporting both biological and adoptive families is essential to strengthening this life-affirming option.

### **Solution:**

To strengthen adoption in Texas, policymakers should prioritize:

- Expanding private infant adoption education for families, educators, faith communities, and medical providers
- Supporting counseling and mental health services for birth parents, adoptive families, and adoptees before, during, and after the adoption finalization
- Streamlining adoption processes while maintaining safeguards
- Promote policies that improve affordability through tax credits, employer incentives, and streamlined regulatory processes for qualified adoptive families
- Separating private infant adoption policy from foster care policy to allow targeted reform

Increasing education and reducing stigma can help ensure women and couples who are unable or do not desire to parent understand that private infant adoption as a viable, compassionate option while helping children find stable, loving homes.