

Resolution on Privacy 404(b)

WHEREAS we believe the biggest threat to our privacy is the government and we must drastically limit the ability of government to collect and store data regarding citizens' personal matters.

WHEREAS the role of government in our Constitutional republic is to protect the privacy and liberty of Americans, not to protect the government from our citizens.

WHEREAS there is a powerful move towards establishing a national ID card system, the establishment of which will likely lead to far more intrusive invasions of our privacy and liberty.

WHEREAS, the so-called "Patriot Act" and other Executive Orders and federal legislation have:

- Expanded the federal government's ability to use wiretaps without judicial oversight;
- Allowed nationwide search warrants non-specific to any given location, nor subject to any local judicial oversight;
- Made it far easier for the government to monitor private internet usage;
- Authorized "sneak and peek" warrants enabling federal authorities to search a person's home, office, or personal property without that person's knowledge; and
- Required libraries and bookstores to turn over records of books read by their patrons.
- Endangered our Constitutional right of habeas corpus and gutted the Posse Comitatus Act and further centralized the power of federal government at the expense of States and individual Americans.

THEREFORE, BE IT NOW RESOLVED by the Republican Party of Texas that the Patriot Act and other Executive orders and federal legislation that enhances the power of the federal government and diminishes the privacy and liberty of American citizens be repealed, and the national ID card movement in any form be rejected.

Submitted and Adopted by Precinct # ,404 Rusk County, Texas, Congressional District 1 on March 4, 2008.

