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Resolution Regarding Texas' Independence in Setting Presidential Primary Dates

WHEREAS, Texas is the largest Republican state in the Union, and Texans have a long and proud history of having political influence and other contributions to national issues; and

WHEREAS, Texas Republicans have had a marginalized role in the selection of our Presidential nominee due to Texas' late primary; and

WHEREAS, other strong Republican states have also been similarly marginalized; and

WHEREAS, we hold that sovereign states have the right to hold statewide primary elections on a date of their choice that best serves their party and state; and

WHEREAS, having rules that treat states unequally is inconsistent with Republican values; and

WHEREAS, the current "carve out" rules that grant four states special privilege to go first and thus unduly influence the primary process are counterproductive to nominating the best electable conservative candidate; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Republican nominee did not win the Presidency;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas authorizes and encourages the State Chairman and RNC Committeeman and Committeewoman to continue to work to build support among other states to establish a coalition of similar-minded states with the goal of freeing the primary schedule from the shackles put on it by current RNC rules; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas encourages the Texas delegation to work toward having no "carve out" states at all, and absent that goal or as an interim step, that the designated carve out states be rotated among important solidly Republican and swing "battleground" states; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all Republican members of the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives and to GOP organizations inside and outside of Texas as the Chairman deems appropriate.

Passed by the State Republican Executive Committee on June 8, 2013