



## Resolution

### **Upholding Religious Freedom and the Separation of Church and State**

In order to uphold each Texan's right to freedom of religion as protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1 Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, and in order to uphold the responsibility of the state to ensure Texans are not coerced into abiding by the religious beliefs of others, be it resolved that we support:

- Amending the Constitution of the State of Texas to strike references to "Almighty God"<sup>12</sup>
- Striking the discriminatory language barring nontheists from elected office in the Texas State Constitution<sup>3</sup>
- Maintaining absolute separation of religion and government
- Equal protection of the rights of Texans of all faiths and of no faith
- Privileging no religious group or their belief system over another
- Providing no privilege to general religious belief over lack of religious belief
- Legislating based on science and evidence while maintaining religious neutrality

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<sup>1</sup> Strike "Humbly invoking the blessings of Almighty God"

<sup>2</sup> Strike "Almighty God" in Article 1, Section 6

<sup>3</sup> Article 1, Section 4: "...provided he acknowledge the existence of a Supreme Being"