



RESOLUTION

OPPOSING a Constitutional Amendment that Would Allow Gambling in the State of Georgia

Whereas gambling addiction is classified by the American Psychiatric Association as a mental disorder; and,

Whereas gambling disproportionately affects minority communities; it acts as a regressive tax on the poor, intensifies many pre-existing social/welfare problems, creates demands on social services and public safety; and,

Whereas gambling creates costs others must absorb; contributing to increased crime, loss of employment, personal and business bankruptcies, introduction of organized crime syndicates, negative financial impact on businesses that cater to the food, clothing, and construction services;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Delegates of this Convention:

1. Urge all elected officials to oppose the passage of any resolution or bill allowing any type of parimutuel gambling, sports betting, or casino gambling legislation
2. Oppose efforts by the General Assembly to place a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot to legalize any form of parimutuel gambling, sports betting, or casino gambling

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Secretary of Georgia Republican Party Convention is directed to immediately transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Georgia Republican Party and to all elected Republican officials in the Georgia Senate and in the Georgia House; to the Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of the State of Georgia, the Honorable Burt Jones, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Georgia; and to the Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Convention Chairman

Convention Secretary