

2023 Fayette County Republican Convention

Resolution Protecting the Identity Rights of Georgia Medical Patients

WHEREAS, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) created standards that govern the privacy of medical records. The HIPAA "Privacy Rule" regulates the use and disclosure of certain information held by health care clearinghouses, employer sponsored health plans, health insurers, and medical service providers; and

WHEREAS, under HIPAA privacy rules, all Georgians have an existing right to NOT have their Personal Medical Records and Personal Identification Information shared with or sold to unauthorized third parties; and

WHEREAS, Patients have been required to allow the medical office or hospital to photocopy or scan both sides of their driver's license as a requirement to receive medical care; and

WHEREAS, some patients have subsequently had their identities stolen without their knowledge, permission or consent; and

WHEREAS, a Fayette County doctor and staff were convicted of using their patient's altered driver's licenses to supply drug dealers with prescription drugs from drug stores for re-sale; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fayette County Republican Party calls on the Georgia General Assembly to draft and adopt legislation to prohibit Medical and Healthcare Professionals, Insurance Companies, Pharmaceutical Companies, and medical entities in the State of Georgia from scanning or photo copying the driver's license of their patients.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Fayette County Republican Party and/or Convention Secretary is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, President Pro Tempore, Speaker of the House, Speaker Pro Tempore, Third and Thirteenth District Republican Leadership, and the State of Georgia Republican Party and to encourage them to affirm, adopt, and enact this resolution by law, policies, and/or adoption of this resolution.

Convention Chairman: _____ Date: _____

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