

2023 Fayette County Republican Convention

A Resolution to Support Senate Bill 180 - Georgia Religious Freedom Restoration Act

WHEREAS, the second paragraph of The Declaration of Independence begins: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness,” and these certain unalienable Rights also include: Religion, Opinions, Emotions, Speech, etcetera; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution says “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the Government for redress of grievances;” and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Republican Party Platform states: “We believe that the rights of freedom of religion and freedom of association, recognized by the First Amendment, must be vigilantly defended.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fayette County Republican Party supports 2023 Senate Bill 180, “Georgia Religious Freedom Restoration Act” to be Enacted as a Law in Georgia. This Bill will amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to State government, so as to provide for the preservation of religious freedom. A person whose religious exercise has been burdened in violation of this chapter may assert the violation as a claim or defense in a judicial proceeding and obtain appropriate relief against [state and/or local] government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Fayette County Republican Party calls on the Georgia General Assembly to REPEAL any Hate Crime Laws in Georgia that are In Conflict with the Georgia Religious Freedom Act, or Violate the First Amendment guarantees, as they are Dangerous to Freedom of Speech and Religious Liberty. Hate Crime Laws unequally judge thoughts, opinions, and emotions which are outside of the knowledge and jurisdiction of human law.

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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