

**A resolution to limit data centers in our state and to make those who are building here responsible for paying all costs for water, power, land, and taxes.**

WHEREAS:

The rapid expansion of large-scale data centers has significantly increased demand for water, electricity, and land resources in many states; and

WHEREAS:

Communities such as Abilene, TX including projects associated with major technology firms such as Microsoft and other hyperscale operators, have raised concerns regarding long-term water supply, electrical grid strain, and public subsidies; and

WHEREAS:

Reports from Texas indicate that large incentive packages and infrastructure commitments have required public investment while placing additional pressure on local utilities and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS:

The citizens of this State should not bear the financial burden of private data infrastructure development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Full Cost Responsibility.

Any data center developer shall bear 100% of all costs associated with: Water acquisition and usage, electrical generation, transmission, and grid upgrades, land acquisition and site preparation, road, sewer, and infrastructure expansion, environmental mitigation.

No Special Tax Treatment

No state or local tax abatements, sales tax exemptions, property tax reductions, or public subsidies shall be granted to data center developments.

### Water Protection Standards

Data centers must demonstrate no negative impact on municipal or agricultural water supply, sustainable water sourcing, mandatory conservation and recycling systems.

### Grid Reliability Requirements

Developers must fund necessary grid upgrades, prevent increased residential rates, provide backup generation that does not burden public utilities

### Transparency & Public Oversight

All agreements between state/local governments and data center developers shall be, publicly disclosed in detail by mail or public meetings, subject to independent fiscal and environmental review.

### Community Impact Review

A comprehensive community impact assessment shall be required prior to approval, evaluating long-term job creation vs. automation, economic return on investment, and environmental sustainability.

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this State shall prioritize the highest levels of responsible development that protects water resources, energy reliability, and taxpayers over corporate incentives.

**Adopted by the Lincoln County Republican Party Convention, March 7, 2026**

**LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

