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**Resolution Form for Submission of Resolution**

A Resolution (  in support of) (  in opposition to)

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

**WHEREAS** [type or block print]

The State of Texas fails to protect separation of church and state by inserting religion into the laws of our state that impinge on the rights to freedom of religion and freedom from religion in the legal system and in government;

**AND WHEREAS** (if needed)

the Constitution of the State of Texas has impinged on the rights of secular people with no religion to run for public office,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

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 religious beliefs of others, be it resolved that we support the following:

- Striking discriminatory language barring nontheists from elected office in the Texas State Constitution (Article 1, Section 4: "...provided he acknowledge the existence of a Supreme Being)
- Equal protection of the rights of Texans of all faiths and of no faith
- Privileging no religious group or their belief systems over another
- Providing no privilege to general religious belief over lack of religious belief
- Amending the Constitution of the State of Texas to strike references to "Almighty God" including striking the following statements from the Texas Constitution: Strike "Humbly invoking the blessings of Almighty God" and striking "Almighty God" from Article 1, Section 6
- Maintaining full separation of religion and government
- Legislating based on science and evidence while maintaining religious neutrality

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