

For Resolutions Committee Use Only

- Referred to Platform Referred to Rules Referred to TRC
 Action by TRC _____
 Adopted (as amended) by SDEC Resolutions Not Adopted

Resolution Form for Submission of Resolution

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

**Supporting Repeal of Religious Exemptions
Endangering the Health and Safety of Children**

WHEREAS [type or block print]

Current laws fail to protect children from abuse, neglect, preventable disease, and unlicensed child care.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

In order to protect all children from abuse, neglect, preventable disease, and unlicensed child care by vigilantly enforcing the law as it applies to children and minors without exceptions, be it resolved that we support:

- Removing all religious exemptions from laws that serve to protect children in the areas of education, public health, and child care, specifically religious exemptions for parents, guardians or other caregivers based on religious/personal beliefs or church affiliation
- Removing the legal loophole for child abuse and neglect which allows those prosecuted for criminal injury to a child to cite their religious beliefs as an affirmative defense, as cited in Texas Penal Code 22.04(l)(1)
- Protecting as many children as possible from vaccine-preventable disease by repealing the religious and philosophical vaccine exemptions for immunization requirements for children attending K-12 schools and child care centers as currently permitted in Texas Education Code, Chapter 38, Section 1
- Ensuring that all child care centers operating in Texas, including those run by religious organizations, are held equally responsible to comply with health and safety standards by subjecting church-related child care centers to the same licensing standards as other child care centers in Texas, such as background checks for personnel, evaluations, and inspections as those for other institutions under Texas Human Resources Code, Chapter 42.

Submitted by Wanda Foster, Precinct 1337 Chair and Secular Coalition of Texas Approved by _____ County Convention

OR Approved by _____ Senate District Convention

Name: Wanda Foster

E-mail: wkfoster@sbcglobal.net

Phone: 817.944.6312

Convention Secretary:

For Memorial/Honorary Resolutions only, give name and address of where to send acknowledgement

Name:

Street Address:

City/State/zip