

## **RNC RESOLUTION: THE LIFE ISSUE A FUNDAMENTAL FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, since at least 1980, the Republican Platform has consistently supported the protection of life from conception to natural death; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and secured in the U.S. Constitution, life, liberty, and property are inalienable rights given to us by our Creator; and

WHEREAS, the protection of life extends beyond one group of people and is a fundamental foundation for our society—a fact President Reagan affirmed in his book *Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation* when he declared, “We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life – the unborn – without diminishing the value of all human life”; and

WHEREAS, most Americans are in agreement that abortion is wrong and would not participate either directly or indirectly in the deliberate destruction of human life; and

WHEREAS, the House Health Care Plan to reform health care is far overreaching, including not only taxpayer funded abortions (an addition that is overwhelmingly opposed by Americans), but also a monthly abortion premium to be charged of all enrollees in the government-run plan; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to appease the politically driven abortion industry, the Democrat leadership has joined them to push their extreme abortion agenda upon the people of the United States at the expense of their own party members; and

WHEREAS, the life issue has thereby unified Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives with a resolve to prevent the expansion of abortion with public funds; and

WHEREAS, as affirmed both by national polling and by political realities, the protection of innocent human life is a unifying issue for candidates; now therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, that the Republican National Committee continues in its belief that all life is worth protecting, whether that of the unborn, the elderly, or the vulnerable; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, that we are united as Americans to stop the expansion of abortion through government and will work side-by-side with fellow Americans who hold the same convictions; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, that the Republican National Committee commend all House Republicans for their unified principled defense of life and we oppose the actions of the United States Senate that included language to force Americans to fund abortions; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, that upon the approval of this resolution the Republican National Committee shall deliver a copy of this resolution to each of the Republican members of Congress, all Republican candidates for Congress, as they become known, and to each Republican state and territorial party office.

*Adopted by the Republican National Committee, January 29, 2010*