



## **Republican National Committee**

**Counsel's Office**

### **RESOLUTION ON REPUBLICAN PRO-LIFE STRATEGY**

WHEREAS, The Democrats have waged a deceptive “War on Women” attack against Republican pro-life candidates, demonizing them and manipulating American voters;

WHEREAS, The Republican Party is proud to stand up for the rights of the unborn and believe all Americans have an unalienable right to life as stated in The Declaration of Independence;

WHEREAS, Pro-life Republicans should fight back against deceptive rhetoric regardless of those in the Republican Party who encourage them to stay silent;

WHEREAS, Candidates who stay silent on pro-life issues do not identify with key voters, fail to alert voters to the Democrats’ extreme pro-abortion stances, and have lost their elections;

WHEREAS, According to the extensive polling conducted by Gallup since 1975, many Republican stances regarding abortion garner at least 60 % support from the public and across the political spectrum:

- 87% support informed-consent laws about certain possible risks of the abortion procedure;
- 80% support banning abortion during the 3rd trimester;
- 71% support parental consent laws;
- 69% support imposing a 24-hour wait period before an abortion;
- 64% of Americans support banning abortion during the 2nd trimester;
- 64% support banning partial-birth abortion;
- 64% support spousal notification laws that require the husband to be simply notified if his wife seeks an abortion;

WHEREAS, Staying silent fails because this strategy allows Democrats to define the Republican brand and prevents the Republican Party from taking advantage of widely supported pro-life positions listed above to attract traditional and new values voters; and

WHEREAS, Staying silent fails to alert voters to the Democrats’ extreme pro-abortion stances, which voters are repelled by; therefore be

**RESOLVED**, The Republican National Committee condemns the Democrats’ deceptive “war on women” rhetoric;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee will support Republican pro-life candidates who fight back against Democratic deceptive “war on women” rhetoric by pointing out the extreme positions on abortion held by Democratic opponents;

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee will not support the strategy of Republican pro-life candidates staying silent in the face of such deceptive rhetoric; and,

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee urges all Republican pro-life candidates, consultants, and other national Republican Political Action Committees to reject a strategy of silence on the abortion issue when candidates are attacked with “war on women” rhetoric.

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