

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND HOBBY LOBBY

WHEREAS, A Health and Human Services regulation promulgated to enable “The Affordable Care Act of 2010” also known as “Obamacare” now demands that employers pay for the contraceptive methods of their employees, including drugs that cause abortion; and

WHEREAS, these abortifacients violate the first “unalienable right,” the right to life (written in the Declaration of Independence) with which all human beings are endowed by their Creator and which is a preeminent tenet of Judeo-Christian religions; and

WHEREAS, Hobby Lobby, the craft store giant, operating over 500 stores in 42 states and employing over 13,000 full-time employees eligible for health care, will be forced to pay for insurance coverage that violates the religious principles held by owner, founder, and CEO David Green; and

WHEREAS, Hobby Lobby has provided health care for employees who are eligible; however, if the store refuses to comply with this new provision it could face a \$1.3 million per day in government fines; and

WHEREAS, Hobby Lobby has filed suit stating that, under the First Amendment to the Constitution, which states that Congress shall not pass laws prohibiting the free exercise of religion, the federal government does not have the authority to force a business to participate in a program that violates the business owner’s religious principles; and

WHEREAS, David Green, who has operated his company since 1970 according to his religious beliefs, has stated, “we seek to honor God by operating the company in a manner consistent with Biblical principles;” therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican National Committee stands with and commends the courageous actions of Mr. Green and Hobby Lobby to defend his right to operate his company according to his strongly and consistently held traditional religious principles.