



## Republican National Committee

### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STRONG SPACE PROGRAM

**Whereas**, the United States of America deserves a space program worthy of our great nation; and

**Whereas**, our space program has contributed to numerous scientific discoveries which have enhanced our quality of life, including: microwave ovens, satellite television and radio, water filter technology, scratch resistant lenses, and long distance telecommunications; and

**Whereas**, our space program has contributed to numerous scientific discoveries which have saved countless lives including: magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) scan, programmable pacemakers and defibrillators, left ventricular assist devices, laser angioplasty, and insulin pumps; and

**Whereas**, our space program has been a great source of national pride and international prestige; and

**Whereas**, our space program has always enjoyed bipartisan support from men and women who understood the vision President John F. Kennedy expressed when he challenged our nation to fly to the moon; and

**Whereas**, the Obama administration has left our space program rudderless when it suddenly and inexplicably canceled the Constellation Program which was based on sound engineering and technology; and

**Whereas**, the Obama administration has adopted a program based on inefficiency, waste, and political ideology which blatantly ignores the safety lessons learned from the past; and

**Whereas**, the executive decisions which have been made over the last four years have their origins in politics, not science; and

**Whereas**, our great nation cannot remain safe and secure if we allow other nations to advance beyond our capabilities in space; and

**Whereas**, the American people deserve a space program that is cost effective, sustainable, and has stated scientific goals; and

**Whereas**, America should lead the world in space exploration, space flight, and scientific research; and

**Whereas**, America should never be dependent on other countries to travel to the space station built by American tax dollars and intellectual investment; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Republican National Committee shall call on the Obama administration to stop playing politics with our nation's space program; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Republican National Committee calls on Congressmen and Senators of both parties to strongly urge the Obama administration to present a serious, coherent program that protects our space program, which is vital to our national security and our national interest.

*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on April 12, 2013.*