

**RESOLUTION
OPPOSING DISCRIMINATION IN THE GUISE OF “RELIGIOUS LIBERTY”**

WHEREAS, we are proud that Texas is a religiously diverse state; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the Texas Constitution protect each Texan’s ability to practice the faith of their choice, or none at all; and

WHEREAS, Texas has enacted additional statutory protections of religious liberty; and

WHEREAS, we respect the right of every Texan to worship—or not—according to their own conscience; and

WHEREAS, invoking religious liberty to justify discrimination against LGBTQ Texans, or to undermine the rights of others, is a perversion of the freedoms granted by the First Amendment and the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, granting some people a license to discriminate under the guise of religion is inconsistent with our civil rights laws and the democratic principle of equality; and

WHEREAS, we Texas Democrats and Texans generally believe that religious liberty and equality are *both* our birthright, guaranteed by the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, we Texas Democrats and Texans generally believe that religion should never be used to divide people; and

WHEREAS, we Texas Democrats and Texans generally believe that no one should be refused service because of who they are; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Democratic Party opposes the passage of any legislation that hides behind religion to create a license to discriminate against LGBTQ Texans in the work place, at school, in access to healthcare, in public accommodations, in access to housing, or in access to government services.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Precinct No. _____

**Adopted by the County/Senatorial District Convention of Senatorial District # _____ in
_____ County, Texas on March 24, 2018.**