

**PROMOTING PHOTO VOTER IDENTIFICATION AND  
CONFIDENCE IN ELECTION RESULTS**

WHEREAS the Texas Legislature enacted the photo voter identification law in 2011 to help deter and detect election fraud and to improve the public's confidence in our elections, and

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court has recognized both as valid interests of the state, and

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court has also stated that voter identification laws are justified because of election fraud throughout the history of the United States, and

WHEREAS the Commission on Federal Election Reform, chaired by former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker, stated: "The electoral system cannot inspire public confidence if no safeguards exist to deter or detect fraud or to confirm the identity of voters," and

WHEREAS the 2011 law has found opposition in the court system and may require amending by the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature to satisfy constitutional requirements, and

WHEREAS the Texas Federation of Republican Women led the fight to enact the original photo voter identification law in 2011, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Texas Federation of Republican Women will work to reform the law in Texas to ensure photo identification will be required to vote, without unduly burdening any lawful voter.