

Resolution to Prohibit the Purchase of Agricultural Land by Citizens and Entities Associated with Hostile Nations

WHEREAS, the right to secure land and property leads to increased security, economic prosperity, and independence for American citizens; and

WHEREAS, a nation's sovereignty depends upon its land and resources being rightfully be owned by its citizens; and

WHEREAS, agricultural land is a strategic asset which produces a variety of commodities that are essential to the economic growth of the agricultural industry and security of the nation's food supply, and should not be outsourced to foreign entities; and

WHEREAS, China, North Korea, Iran, and Russia pose risks to the national security of the United States and have been listed on the Annual Threat Assessments of the U.S. Intelligence Community in consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that the Chinese Communist Party's holdings of U.S. agricultural land increased 5,300% over a 10 year period, from 13,720 acres in 2010 to 352,140 acres in 2020; and

WHEREAS, SB 147 (88th Regular) by Senator Kolkhorst would prohibit the purchase of agricultural land by entities associated with any country deemed to pose a risk to the national security of the United States as designated by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, which was passed by the Texas Senate with a 19-12 vote but died in the House; and

WHEREAS, over 95% of Republican Party of Texas voters in the March 2024 primary support a ban on land sales to citizens or entities from China, North Korea, Iran, and Russia; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the state Republican Party of Texas should amend the 2024 Republican Party of Texas Platform to include the following planks:

The State of Texas should prohibit the purchase of agricultural land by foreign citizens, proxies or entities associated with any country deemed hostile to the State of Texas or the national security of the United States as designated by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, including, but not limited to, China, North Korea, Iran, and Russia.

The State of Texas should divest ownership of agricultural land by foreign citizens and entities associated with any country prohibited from ownership by this resolution.

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the _____ County/ Senate District # _____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # _____ with the recommendation

that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the Republican Party of Texas.