

## **Defending Our Freedoms**

WHEREAS in recognition of the harsh reality that we are engaged in the defense of the United States and fighting men and women are presently engaged in armed conflict in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other countries assisting peoples of these nations to enjoy the freedom and opportunities we enjoy daily while forestalling attacks on our homeland. We thereby we acknowledge the great sacrifices of our military and declare our heartfelt appreciation for their actions on our behalf; and

WHEREAS it is a fundamental right for a person to defend himself and his property and no military or law enforcement agency can ever guarantee total security; be it resolved that we call for the State of Georgia to recognize the carrying of firearms openly or concealed for lawful purposes as a fundamental right that shall not be infringed; and

WHEREAS traditionally and historically any national IDs are considered to be hallmark of tyranny; and whereas the “Real ID” as proposed by the national 911 Commission is considered to be a national ID system; whereas this represents an unfunded mandate imposing an additional and unnecessary financial burden on the citizens of Georgia; now therefore be it resolved that the Georgia Republican Party strongly urges the Congress of the United States, Georgia General Assembly, and all Republican candidates to oppose the creation, implementation, funding, or operation of any form of a national ID system, and oppose the imposition of the “Real ID system” in Georgia or any state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, the President of the US Senate, the Governor of Georgia, each member of Georgia’s congressional delegation, and each member of the Georgia General Assembly.