

Resolution II LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR HEALTHCARE CHOICES

WHEREAS, our nation has a strong history of protecting the civil rights of its citizens, explicitly if those citizens are in the minority; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) was established via the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and,

WHEREAS, state and federal law prohibits discrimination of protected classes, namely race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability and genetic information; and,

WHEREAS, the government, businesses and organizations face legal recourse for discriminating against protected classes of person under state and federal law; and,

WHEREAS, many of these federally recognized protected classes are a matter of individual choice; and,

WHEREAS, persons who make individual choices about their health and medical decisions regarding their body are being denied services by both the government, businesses and organizations; and,

WHEREAS, no medical procedure has constitutionally been deemed medically necessary by the United States Supreme Court; and,

WHEREAS, religious exemptions are provided for certain government mandated under the protected class status; and,

WHEREAS, the government, businesses and organizations are being allowed and, in some cases, encouraged by the government to discrimination against a class of people who choose to forgo elective medical procedures including immunizations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Arkansas Federation of Teenage Republicans, in convention assembled, urges lawmakers to include medical history and immunization status as a state and federally protected class.