



"The I&R Resolution"

CALLING FOR STATEWIDE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM (I&R)
RIGHTS FOR TEXANS IN 2009

1. WHEREAS, Article 1 of the Texas Constitution confirms that **"All political power is inherent in the people;"**
2. WHEREAS, Initiative is the right of citizens to propose laws or constitutional amendments for approval or rejection by the voters;
3. WHEREAS, Use of the Initiative in various states has brought reforms such as the right to vote for women, the eight-hour workday, voter approval of taxes, term limits, and campaign finance reform;
4. WHEREAS, Twenty-four (24) states have adopted and retained Initiative and Referendum since the first in 1898;
5. WHEREAS, Voters have the right through the Referendum process to repeal legislation passed by the legislature;
6. WHEREAS, Initiative and Referendum make government more responsive to its citizens, neutralize the power of the special interests, and stimulate public involvement in state issues,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That this organization calls upon the Texas Legislature to pass a JOINT RESOLUTION proposing a constitutional amendment that prescribes voter access to the binding statewide **INITIATIVE and REFERENDUM** for Constitutional Amendments and State Statutes.

Adopted by:

Organization _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____
 Officer _____ Title _____

Approved and Passed on March 4th, 2008, during the Precinct _____ Convention.

Precinct Chairperson

Precinct Secretary