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Resolution Empowering Individuals to Direct Their Health Care:

Whereas, the 2012 Republican Party of Texas Platform states, "Health care decisions should be between a patient and health care professional and should be protected from government intrusion."

Whereas, in recent years, there has been an increase in medicinal marijuana research and studies of the human endocannabinoid system. This research has demonstrated that cannabis is effective in treating the symptoms of some severe illnesses for which, in certain patients, there is no other effective means of prescription drug treatment. These ailments include cachexia, cancer, chronic nerve pain, epilepsy, glaucoma, HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, Tourette's Syndrome, among others.

Whereas, Texas families are moving to Colorado for access to medicinal marijuana. Families such as these would benefit greatly from clinical research of cannabis by the world-renowned Texas medical industry.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Republican Party of Texas supports changing the law in Texas to allow seriously and terminally ill patients to use medical marijuana for a limited number of conditions, if their doctor suggests it.