

RESOLUTION OPPOSING “CARD CHECK” AND SUPPORTING THE SECRET BALLOT

Whereas, the Hawai`i Republican Party Platform endorses *Liberty* and “card check” violates this concept;

Whereas, efforts are being made in the Hawai`i legislature and in the Congress to institute “card check” to streamline union certification;

Whereas, card check would replace secret balloting in the selection of a union, the replacement of a union by another union, or the rejection of union representation, and workers could face harassment and pressure;

Whereas, requiring secret ballots protects workers by enabling individuals to vote their conscience without fear of reprisal;

Whereas, requiring a secret ballot election gives workers time to hear and reflect on the arguments made by both sides and then cast an informed vote;

Whereas, “streamlining union certification” gives misplaced priority to the violation of individual privacy in the name of efficiency;

Whereas, the Governor, the President, Hawai`i legislators, and Members of Congress are elected through secret ballots;

Whereas, the Hawai`i Republican Party Platform endorses *Liberty* and supports freedom secured by the rule of law;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Hawai`i Republican Party in convention at Lihue, Hawai`i, May 14, 2011, opposes any legislative efforts or executive orders that would remove the sacred right of a secret ballot in any unionization activities.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be posted on the Hawai`i Republican Party website and distributed to Hawai`i elected officials and media for public dissemination.