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A Resolution Regarding Ratification of the **United Nations Arms Trade Treaty**

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers of our great nation recognized and acknowledged that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers recognized the necessity of the Right to Bear Arms to ensure a free state; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution was written to confirm and guarantee that Government would never infringe on the Citizen's Right to Bear Arms; and

WHEREAS, it is undeniable fact that an armed Citizenry is a proven deterrent to violent crime and that an unarmed Citizenry results inevitably in an increase in violent crime; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has signed the United Nation Arms Trade Treaty, the terms of which are at odds with, and in direct opposition to, the principles and warranties of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, this Treaty will now be subject to a vote of ratification in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, the ratification of this Treaty would have the effect of enabling a National Gun Registry, and encouraging and abetting further infringements of the rights guaranteed under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, each additional infringement of the Right to Bear Arms imposes further impairment to the Citizen's God-given and inalienable rights to self-defense, life and liberty;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas authorizes, encourages and requests the Republican National Committee to most forcefully remind all Republican Senators of their Sworn Oath of Office, wherein they swear to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic", and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the RNC is encouraged and requested to also remind Republican Senators that the vast majority of their voting Constituents oppose most vigorously any additional gun control actions and legislation, and

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas asks the RNC to request that each Senator be present for and cast their vote against ratification of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Republican National Committee Chairman and to the Texas RNC Committeeman and Committeewoman, and to any and all other persons or GOP organizations statewide or nationally, as the Chairman may deem appropriate and at his discretion.

Passed by the Texas State Republican Executive Committee on June 8, 2013