

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM OVER PERSONAL VACCINATION STATUS

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WHEREAS, the freedom to make personal health choices is one of the most fundamental human rights protected under the [Bill of Rights](#) of the [United States Constitution](#);

WHEREAS, [informed consent](#) is the bedrock of ethical practice in medicine, consisting of three essential elements: access to complete information, patient comprehension, and voluntariness;

WHEREAS, an alarming number of [private](#) and [government entities](#) across the U.S. and around the world are mandating COVID-19 vaccination, coupled with punitive restrictions on freedom, commerce, employment, and [medical care](#) for non-compliance;

WHEREAS, there are various reasons why Americans choose not to be vaccinated, including, but not limited to: established medical conditions; previous infection and recovery; preference for [therapeutics](#); robust immune systems; prevention of potential [adverse events](#); [religious beliefs](#); intolerance to [vaccine ingredients](#); previous [anaphylactic](#) and other reactions;

WHEREAS, during the 2021 legislative session, the Utah legislature passed [House Bill 308](#), which “*prohibits a governmental entity from requiring that an individual receive a vaccine for COVID-19;*”

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2021, despite his promise to the contrary, President Biden enacted a [sweeping order](#), mandating vaccinations for businesses with over 100 employees, and therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Utah Republican Party [upholds the United States Constitution](#) and fully supports the individual freedom to choose whether to be vaccinated or unvaccinated;

RESOLVED, the Utah Republican Party recognizes the historical efficacy of proven vaccines in public health, but rejects policies of mandatory vaccination, regardless of FDA approval, and rejects proposals for statewide, nationwide, or global “[vaccine passports](#),” “[health passes](#)” or [similar policies](#);

RESOLVED, the Utah Republican Party is firmly opposed to government compelling private businesses to enforce mandatory vaccination of their employees or customers;

RESOLVED, the Utah Republican Party appeals to private businesses, institutions of education and religion, medical service providers, and non-government organizations throughout Utah to be considerate and accommodating regarding the vaccination choice of their employees, students, teachers, members, patients, and customers without penalty or discrimination;

RESOLVED, the Utah Republican Party thanks and supports Republican legislators, Governor Cox, Attorney General Reyes, the congressional delegation, and local government officials for their continuing efforts to ensure that the individual freedom to be vaccinated or unvaccinated, without penalty or discrimination, is fully protected.

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