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WALLER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY PASSES LANDMARK RESOLUTION TO PROTECT CITIZEN PRIVACY AND FOURTH AMENDMENT RIGHTS

WALLER COUNTY, TX — In a decisive step to safeguard individual liberties and constitutional protections in the digital age, the Waller County Republican Party has officially passed a landmark resolution calling for common-sense guardrails on mass surveillance technologies. The resolution addresses the rapid expansion of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs), automated drone tracking networks, and mobile cellular interception technology. Grounded in the foundational protections of the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 9 of the Texas Constitution—and bolstered by recent legal precedents including the U.S. Supreme Court's *Chatrie* decision—the measure outlines clear statutory protections to ensure law enforcement tools target criminal activity without subjecting law-abiding citizens to continuous dragnet monitoring.

Key policy recommendations passed in the resolution include:

- **Immediate Real-Time Cross-Referencing & Data Purges:** Requiring ALPR data that does not match an active law enforcement "Hot List" to be instantaneously deleted at the point of capture, preventing the creation of historical location logs.
- **Warrant Requirements for Stored Records:** Mandating judicial search warrants based on probable cause before law enforcement can query or search any legally retained records.
- **Closing Privatized Surveillance Backdoors:** Prohibiting government agencies from circumventing public oversight by integrating live feeds or data pools from private commercial entities or Homeowners Associations.
- **Banning Warrantless Drone and Cellular Tracking:** Prohibiting the use of automated aerial drone networks and mobile cell-site simulators (IMSI catchers/Stingrays) to monitor citizens without individual warrants.
- **Public Transparency & Fiscal Accountability:** Requiring public hearings, recorded votes, and monthly public audits disclosing raw performance metrics before surveillance hardware is deployed or funded.

Party leaders expressed strong optimism that Waller County's elected officials and local law enforcement leaders will champion these pro-liberty policies ahead of the upcoming Texas legislative session.

"The Waller County Republican Party stands firmly with our law enforcement officers, and we have a deeply vested interest in their success as they work tirelessly to protect our community," said Cyndi Lawrence, Chairwoman of the Waller County Republican Party. "We unequivocally want our officers equipped with the absolute best tools and modern technologies available to solve crimes and keep us safe. However, true leadership requires that we deploy

advanced technology in harmony with our foundational principles. By establishing clear, constitutional guardrails, Waller County can show the rest of Texas how to empower law enforcement to excel while steadfastly defending the constitutional rights and privacy of every citizen."

The Waller County Republican Party has forwarded copies of the resolution to the Chairwoman of the Republican Party of Texas, members of the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC), local State Representatives, State Senators, and Governor Greg Abbott, urging statewide legislative action to secure digital privacy rights for all Texans.

ABOUT THE WALLER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

The Waller County Republican Party is dedicated to promoting conservative principles, defending constitutional liberties, supporting principled leadership, and advocating for transparent, limited government across Waller County, Texas.