

Resolution for the Repeal of the TSPLOST Penalty

WHEREAS, On July 31st, 2012, Georgians overwhelmingly rejected TSPLOST or the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax; this referendum was authorized by the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (Georgia House Bill 277);

WHEREAS, Nine of twelve regions including Region One or the northwest Georgia Region Rejected the one-cent sales tax to invest in a specifically identified list of transportation Improvements or projects;

WHEREAS, Those regions that rejected the referendum will be subject to a 30% matching funds Cost for all future transportation projects, while the three regions that past the referendum will Be subject to only a 10% cost for future transportation projects, according to code section, {48-8-244 (d)} of the law;

WHEREAS, Whenever the voters of Georgia are presented with a referendum regardless of Purpose and that referendum has been rejected at the voting booth and for that bill to have a Built in provision to financially punish those who reject said referendum, then this is an act of Coercive legislation, voting your conscience should not come with incentives or penalties.

BE IT RESVOLVED that the Walker County Republican Party supports, **SB 73 “Anti – T-SPLOST Penalty Act**; A bill to be entitled an act to amend code section 48-8-244 of the official code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the election and procedures for implementing the special district Transportation sales and use tax, so as to provide a short title; to modify the provisions Increasing the local match for transportation projects in regions that did not approve the levy of The tax; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes;

BE IT FUTHER RESVOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, the fourteenth District Republican Party Leadership and the State of Georgia Republican Party Leadership.