

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING INDISCRIMINATE TELEPHONE RECORD SEARCH AND SEIZURE

WHEREAS, lack of respect for the privacy and property of the American colonists by the British throne was a powerful motivation for the War for Independence; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution declares that “the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and **no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause**, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized”; and

WHEREAS, media reports indicate that the National Security Agency secured a top secret court order in April of 2013 for the telephone records of millions of Americans, and that the NSA is currently monitoring, collecting, and analyzing these records; and

WHEREAS, the American people have never consented to, nor been informed by their government concerning, the indiscriminate search and seizure of their telephone records without probable cause; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration has already shown a willingness to use government power to illegally target political opponents, and will be able to more effectively do so with the data gained by analyzing seized telephone records; and

WHEREAS, any people that give up their liberty to gain security will deserve neither, and lose both; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Volusia County Republican Executive Committee affirms that the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the Federal Government from searching and seizing the telephone records of Americans without a warrant based on probable cause; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Volusia County Republican Executive Committee **condemns** the Obama Administration's ongoing, secret policy of indiscriminately searching and seizing the telephone records of Americans without probable cause; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Volusia County Republican Executive Committee calls on Senator Marco Rubio, Congressman John Mica, and Congressman Ron DeSantis to oppose, and seek to end, the indiscriminate search and seizure of telephone records of Americans, without probable cause, by the Federal Government.

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