

**RESOLUTION OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY**

**A Resolution Calling for Additional Measures to Secure the Border, Stop the Invasion at the Border, and Protect Our Communities**

WHEREAS, the Preamble to the United States Constitution outlines the chief responsibility of the Federal Government is to "*insure domestic tranquility*" and "*provide for the common defense*";

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4 of the United States Constitution clearly states "*The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion*"; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution clearly states that the Governor of Texas: "*shall be Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State, except when they are called into actual service of the United States. He shall have power to call forth the militia to execute the laws of the State, to suppress insurrections, and to repel invasions*"; and,

WHEREAS, cartels exploit weak and unsecure borders for their own power and profit, to the detriment of our communities; and

WHEREAS, cartels act as paramilitary, narco-terrorist organizations that profit from trafficking people and drugs into the United States;

WHEREAS, the United States has a drug epidemic whereby tens of thousands of Americans die every year and, specifically, \_\_\_\_\_ County has a major health and public safety issue with methamphetamines, which greatly impacts our communities, our families, our jail, our court system, and our other local resources; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol reports that CBP agents seized 192,000 pounds of methamphetamine at the southern border during 2021; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing border security crisis is not acceptable, and has resulted in a security threat and humanitarian disaster with overwhelming consequences to residents in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, numerous Texas border counties, experiencing local disaster situations as a result of inadequate border security, have passed invasion declarations and resolutions calling for further action and security on the southern Texas border; and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ County Commissioners Court desires to express its support for those border counties under invasion and to express its desire for stronger border security measures, which impact all of our Texas communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_ County Commissioners Court:

- (1) Recognizes our southern Texas border is under invasion; and
- (2) Recognizes and affirms the sovereign and unilateral authority explicitly reserved to the States, respectively, under Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution to defend themselves against invasion, which has been exacerbated by the Federal Government's failure in meeting its constitutional obligation to "insure domestic tranquility", "provide for the common defense", "execute the laws", and "protect each State against invasion"; and
- (3) Supports the state-led efforts of Operation Lone Star and the expanded operation authorities available under Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution; and
- (4) Requests Governor Abbott to take necessary steps as allowed under Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution to secure the Texas border and repel the invasion at the border, including the actions by paramilitary, narco-terrorist cartels that pose a huge risk to our communities; and
- (5) Calls on the Federal Government to uphold its duties to adequately secure and protect the borders of the United States.