

County of _____

State of Texas

Resolution

WHEREAS, _____ County is responsible for the operation and management of many and various governmental programs as required or authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, some county government programs are fully or partially supported with funds disbursed by the state of Texas pursuant to the state appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, the state of Texas, acting through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, may enact laws or promulgate rules that have the effect of imposing mandatory financial obligations upon Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the state of Texas, through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, mandates that counties implement certain governmental programs or perform certain duties and obligations including financial commitments by a county to expend county funds in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, during each regular session of the Texas Legislature, all state funds that support county programs are reviewed through the state appropriation process and by other state budgetary review systems; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned review process may result in a reduction, or cessation, of state financial support of county government programs causing an unforeseeable disruption and reduction of the county budget and operations; and

WHEREAS, Texas counties cannot achieve reliable financial planning and the necessary bond ratings sufficient to support county related obligations when the state mandates a new program that is not fully funded or under conditions where the state reduces or fully withdraws prior funding and disbursement for county government programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County of _____ does hereby resolve that for the foregoing reasons, it is in the best interests of Texas counties and their taxpayers to support and favor the passage of legislation, including an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, that would expressly prohibit the imposition of a mandatory governmental program on Texas counties, whether by an act of the Texas Legislature or a state agency or by executive order, unless the state of Texas has fully funded and disbursed all necessary funds to enable Texas counties to operate said governmental program.

ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____ 200__.

SIGNED AND ENTERED ON THE ABOVE DATE BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

County Judge

County Commissioner
Precinct No. 1

County Commissioner
Precinct No. 2

County Commissioner
Precinct No. 3

County Commissioner
Precinct No. 4