

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Feral cats are a major problem in Fort Bend County, Texas.

WHEREAS, The Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) program is proven to significantly reduce this population without harming the environment by providing natural rodent control; and

WHEREAS, In Fort Bend County the Animal Services Department is forced to keep a large number of cats due to the difficulty of rehoming them; and

WHEREAS, TNR is the only proven humane and effective method to manage feral cats; and

WHEREAS, TNR is used to help control this population by spaying and neutering the reproductive adults; and

WHEREAS, One female cat has the ability to produce roughly 100 kittens in seven years; and

WHEREAS, A large percentage of feral cats are euthanized each year because they are not adoptable. This program allows feral cats to be treated humanely and be given a chance at a healthy outdoor life; and

WHEREAS, Animal control agencies and shelters are able to reduce budgets for cat-related expenses; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2018, Fort Bend County participated in a TNR pilot program sponsored by Petco and saved the lives of 600 cats; and

WHEREAS, Work with Texas Department of State Health Services to fund the Trap, Neuter and Return program in Fort Bend County will allow feral cats to be managed humanely, create a healthy environment and save tax payers money.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS:

THAT ON JANUARY 29, 2019, THE **FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**, MEETING AS A BODY IN RICHMOND, TEXAS, ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION AND URGES THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FORT BEND COUNTY FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN PROGRAM.

SIGNED THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019

K.P. GEORGE
COUNTY JUDGE

VINCENT MORALES
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

ANDY MEYERS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

JAMES "GRADY" PRESTAGE
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

KEN R. DEMERCHANT
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

ATTEST:

LAURA RICHARD, COUNTY CLERK