

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, Residents of Fort Bend County, Texas do not have access to mental health programs that provide short term inpatient treatment in a crisis stabilization unit that includes medical nursing services within the County; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County is the fifth fastest growing county in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Fort Bend County residents in need of inpatient care are sent out of the County for treatment; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County residents receiving inpatient care for mental health outside of the county do not have family support in treatment. Separating families inhibits progress during treatment; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County residents needing inpatient treatment have a three year wait for treatment at an out of County facilities; and

WHEREAS, Jails are becoming the largest institutions for people with serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Partner with the State of Texas to allow Fort Bend County to create a pilot program where we partner with local hospitals to take care of the metal health needs of our residents. This program will be modeled, at a smaller scale, after Harris County.

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 CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM PARTNERING WITH LOCAL HOSPITALS TO CARE FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS.

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

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COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

ATTEST:

LAURA RICHARD, COUNTY CLERK