

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SAVING PETS IN HOT CARS

WHEREAS, Texas has the highest rate of vehicular heat strong in the country, claiming the lives of 107 children from 1998 to 2016; and

WHEREAS, on 90 degree days, temperatures inside a car with the windows rolled up can reach 116 degrees in fewer than 10 minutes; and

WHEREAS, current law stipulates a Class C Misdemeanor to leave a child under seven alone in a car more than five minutes; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature passed HB 810 last session providing civil immunity to people who break into vehicles to rescue children in harm’s way; and,

WHEREAS, current state law leaves “Good Samaritans” open to a civil suit for property damage if they act quickly to rescue domestic animals trapped in hot cars.

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 SUPPORT A BILL REMOVING CIVIL LIABILITY FROM GOOD SAMARITANS FOR RESCUING A DOMESTIC ANIMAL ON A HOT DAY IF THEY REASONABLY DETERMINE THE VEHICLE IS LOCKED OR THERE IS NO REASONABLE OPTION FOR THE ANIMAL TO EXIT THE VEHICLE WITHOUT ASSISTANCE TO AVOID IMMINENT HARM TO THE ANIMAL BUT ONLY AFTER NOTIFYING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR FIRST RESPONDERS.

SIGNED, THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.

KP 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

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