

**FORT BEND COUNTY RESOLUTION**  
IN OPPOSITION TO  
REMOVING COUNTY FIREWORKS REGULATION AUTHORITY

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Legislature is considering proposals to add extra fireworks seasons to the periods during which fireworks retailers can sell fireworks without an order from a county commissioners court; and

**WHEREAS**, home, property damage, injuries and wildfires increase during use and sale periods. The expansion of fireworks seasons could endanger the health, safety, and welfare of residents by eliminating the county authority to prohibit the sale of fireworks; and

**WHEREAS**, counties currently have limited authority to regulate fireworks; and

**WHEREAS**, due to dry weather and concern for public safety, such regulations are necessary to protect life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, county officials can best determine the weather and potential fire status of Fort Bend County; and

**WHEREAS**, county governments are a critical link for emergency services. Without increased state funding to offset the increase in response from all emergency service resulting from increased times when fireworks can be sold and used, resources for emergency services will be further and dramatically taxed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court is opposed to any legislative action that would remove current county authority to regulate fireworks.

PASSED and APPROVED on April 9, 2019.

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County Judge KP George

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Commissioner Vincent Morales, Pct. 1

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Commissioner Grady Prestage, Pct. 2

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Commissioner Andy Meyers, Pct. 3

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Commissioner Ken R. DeMerchant, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

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Laura Richard, County Clerk