RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VICTIMS OF CRIME (VOCA) VICTIM WITNESS STAFF EXPANSION PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION #13645-24

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WHEREAS, Fort Bend County desires to provide assistance to the victims of crime in Fort Bend County; and

WHEREAS the County wishes to continue to support a specialized unit, namely the Victim Witness Division of the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office to assist crime victims through better and more comprehensive services to these victims; and

WHEREAS, the County finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the Fort Bend County area, that the VICTIMS OF CRIME (VOCA) VICTIM WITNESS STAFF EXPANSION PROJECT ("the Project") be operated for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County agrees to provide all applicable support for the grant application submitted to the Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division on February 13th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division funds. Fort Bend County assures that the funds will be returned to the Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in full; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County designates the Honorable Judge KP George, County Judge of the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, as the County's authorized official giving him the power to electronically apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fort Bend County approved submission of the grant application for the VICTIMS OF CRIME (VOCA) VICTIM WITNESS STAFF EXPANSION PROJECT to the Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division requesting \$150,000.00 in grant funds and at least \$95,085.00 in local matching funds for a project total of \$245,085.00.

Approved by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County on the __ day of February 2025, duly put and carried;

Attest:	Hon. KP George, County Judge
Laura Richard, County Clerk	