RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT SALES TAX SHARING

WHEREAS, Emergency Service Districts (ESD) in Texas have the authority to collect a sales tax; and

WHEREAS, ESDs utilize these funds to support their operations; and

WHEREAS, ESDs utilize County roads to provide their emergency services; and

WHEREAS, requiring or giving ESDs the ability to contribute a portion of their sales tax to build new and maintain existing roads benefits the ESD, the County, and the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the benefit of increased cost sharing would be lower County taxes, more coordination between public entities, and much needed funding of local roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, finds that this resolution serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Fort Bend County supports legislation enabling or requiring Emergency Service Districts to obtain consent from the Commissioners Court of the county in which the district is located to call an election in order to collect sales tax revenue.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this 13th day of December, 2016.

Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

Richard Morrison, Commissioner Pct. 1

W. A. "Andy" Meyers Commissioner Pct. 3

Grady Prestage Commissioner Pct. 2

James Patterson Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk