

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, Ferel cats are a major problem in Fort Bend County, Texas.

**WHEREAS**, The Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) program is proven to significantly reduce this population without harming the environment by providing natural rodent control; and

**WHEREAS**, In Fort Bend County the Animal Services Department is forced to keep a large number of cats due to the difficulty of rehoming them; and

**WHEREAS**, TNR is the only proven humane and effective method to manage ferel cats; and

**WHEREAS**, TNR is used to help control this population by spaying and neutering the reproductive adults; and

**WHEREAS**, One female cat has the ability to produce roughly 100 kittens in seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, A large percentage of feral cats are euthanized each year because they are not adoptable. This program allows feral cats to be treated humanely and be given a chance at a healthy outdoor life; and

**WHEREAS**, Animal control agencies and shelters are able to reduce budgets for cat-related expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, In June of 2018, Fort Bend County participated in a TNR pilot program sponsored by Petco and saved the lives of 600 cats; and

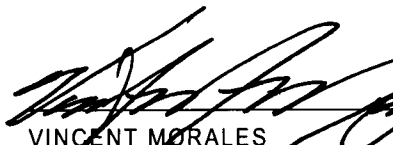
**WHEREAS**, Work with Texas Department of State Health Services to fund the Trap, Neuter and Return program in Fort Bend County will allow ferel cats to be managed humanely, create a healthy environment and save tax payers money.

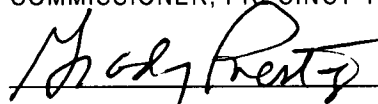
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS:**

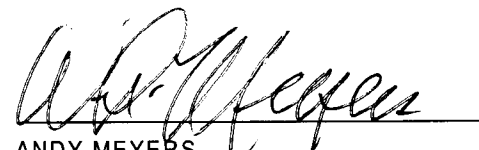
THAT ON JANUARY 29, 2019, THE **FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**, MEETING AS A BODY IN RICHMOND, TEXAS, ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION AND URGES THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FORT BEND COUNTY FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN PROGRAM.

SIGNED THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2019

  
K.P. GEORGE  
COUNTY JUDGE

  
VINCENT MORALES  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

  
JAMES "GRADY" PRESTAGE  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

  
ANDY MEYERS  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

  
KEN R. DEMERCHANT  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

ATTEST:

  
LAURA RICHARD, COUNTY CLERK

