

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, Residents of Fort Bend County, Texas do not have access to mental health programs that provide short term inpatient treatment in a crisis stabilization unit that includes medical nursing services within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend County is the fifth fastest growing county in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, Fort Bend County residents in need of inpatient care are sent out of the County for treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend County residents receiving inpatient care for mental health outside of the county do not have family support in treatment. Separating families inhibits progress during treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend County residents needing inpatient treatment have a three year wait for treatment at an out of County facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Jails are becoming the largest institutions for people with serious mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, Partner with the State of Texas to allow Fort Bend County to create a pilot program where we partner with local hospitals to take care of the mental health needs of our residents. This program will be modeled, at a smaller scale, after Harris County.

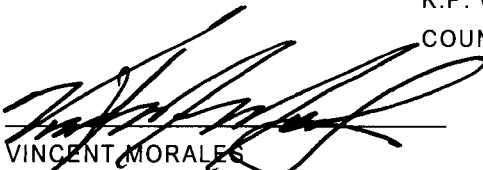
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS:**

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 CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM PARTNERING WITH LOCAL HOSPITALS TO CARE FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS.

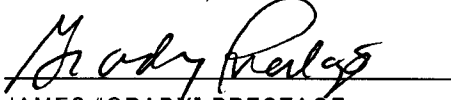
SIGNED THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2019



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

