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STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FUNDS UNDER THE CARES ACT

WHEREAS, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252) (HAVA) and the CARES Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-136), establishes the award of grant funds to local government entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the current COVID-19 pandemic, domestically or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County desires to utilize these funds to aid in the administration of the conduct July 14, 2020 Primary Runoff and the November 3, 2020 General Election; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court agrees that the expenditure of the funds will be in accordance with applicable federal and state law and any agreement between Fort Bend County and the State of Texas, Office of the Secretary of State as authorized under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and in consultation and agreement with the county election official(s) as defined in Sections 12.001 and 31.091 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court agrees to assign a single point of contact (SPOC) to act on behalf of the County in communicating with the Office of the Secretary of State, including the submission of all necessary reports; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court agrees claims against the fund shall be audited and approved in the same manner as other claims against the County before they are paid; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court agrees that it will not consider the availability of the funds in adopting the county budget; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court agrees that in the event of loss, misuse, or noncompliance pursuant to any grant award agreement with the Secretary of State, that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Secretary of State;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fort Bend County the grant application to the Office of the Secretary of State requesting $676,937.48 in funds with a local match of ___$135,387.50_____required for a project total of __$812,324.98_____for expenses related to the safe conduct of Elections during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Approved by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County on 9th day of June 2020, duly put and carried;

County Judge KP George

Attest:

Hon. KP George, County Judge

Laura Richard, County Clerk

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