

**Resolution In Support of Flood Mitigation Efforts**

**WHEREAS**, flooding incidents cost the United States at least \$54 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, flooding is a leading cause for fatalities caused by “hydro-meteorological disasters” in Texas, including Galveston & Harris County; and

**WHEREAS**, abnormal flood levels can jeopardize coastal industries, causing abruptions to plastic production and fuel as well as the loss of thousands of jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, all residents, regardless of background, feel the impact of weather events such as flooding, but a disproportionate impact is felt by the most marginalized communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend County experienced significant amounts of rainfall and flooding over the years from weather incidents, the Brazos River, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, during Hurricane Harvey, 20% of the land in Fort Bend County flooded, affecting 200,000 residents in many ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brazos River, the 11<sup>th</sup> largest river in the United States, runs through the heart of Fort Bend County, experiences significant erosion, causing damages to infrastructure of up to \$8 billion and affecting over 700,000 residents; and

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

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020, the **Fort Bend County Commissioners Court**, meeting as a body in Richmond, Texas:

1. Supports all efforts to increase flood mitigation grant funding and eligibility options for counties to qualify; and
2. Supports the creation of special district(s) by the Legislature or otherwise with voter approval to mitigate flooding and natural disasters; and
3. Supports regional efforts to make Southeast Texas more flood and weather resilient.

SIGNED, THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

*KP George*  
County Judge KP George

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County Judge KP George

ATTEST:



*Laura Richard*

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Laura Richard, County Clerk