

THE STATE OF TEXAS     §  
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 COUNTY OF FORT BEND   §

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
 ENACTING LEGISLATION TO CREATE A  
 TEXAS NUCLEAR REGULATORY AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend County as part of the Greater Houston Region is considered the Energy Capital of the World, with efforts currently underway that involve the business community, elected officials and other stakeholders to identify solutions to take on the dual challenge of meeting the world’s increasing energy needs while lowering the world’s carbon footprint; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend County and its Regional partners are collaborating to continue being recognized as the Energy Capital of the World by helping lead the global energy transition to a more efficient and sustainable, low-carbon future; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend County is the fifth fastest growing county in the United States where access to safe, reliable, affordable power is important to its businesses and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, weather events like hurricanes and winter storms reinforce the critical need for resiliency in our energy systems; and

**WHEREAS**, major efforts are underway around the globe and here in Texas to develop the next generation of advanced nuclear reactors, such as Small Modular Reactors (SMRs); and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Government passed the Inflation Reduction Act, which provides \$10 billion in Income Tax Credits to incentivize capital investments in advanced nuclear plants, including SMRs, that are placed into service after 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts across the U.S. to develop next generation advanced reactors are being hampered by lengthy delays by the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the “NRC”) in approving new nuclear technology; and

**WHEREAS**, State legislation to create a Texas Nuclear Regulatory Agency designed to work with the NRC and others would help accelerate the review and approval of next generation nuclear reactors on a state level and place Texas in the forefront of the critical effort to develop safe, affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County supports legislation to create a Texas Nuclear Regulatory Agency to advance efforts to develop safe, affordable, sustainable and resilient energy generation and support the development of next generation nuclear sector in our State.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this 7th day of February, 2023.

By: KP George  
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County Judge

By: Vincent Morales  
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By: James "Grady" Prestage  
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ATTEST:

Laura Richard  
Laura Richard, County Clerk

