THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENACTING LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT OPEN CARRYING OF FIREARMS AND WEAPONS IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, public libraries are gathering places for children and all community members and are spaces dedicated to enjoyable activities and learning, where all ages come to seek knowledge and share ideas without feeling uncomfortable or intimidated; and

WHEREAS, public libraries should remain inviting havens for education, reflection, and community engagement, without the unnecessary display of the open carry of weapons when there is no imminent threat; and

WHEREAS, displaying weapons on library premises could create an uncomfortable environment for some, thereby deterring some patrons from using library resources, and the openly displaying of weapons could potentially create disagreements and conflicts, which could create disturbances for staff and visitors that could lead to unpleasant situations in what should be quiet, peaceful settings; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting the open display of firearms and weapons in libraries helps maintain an inviting and welcoming atmosphere for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County supports legislation to prohibit the open carrying of firearms or weapons in public libraries.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this 17th day of December, 2024.

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