Office of the County Judge Fort Bend County, Texas

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Fort Bend County proudly acknowledges organizations that demonstrate extraordinary commitment to animal welfare, public health, and community service; and

WHEREAS.

The Empty Shelter Project (TESP), established by K-9 Angels Rescue in 2017, was created in response to the region's urgent pet overpopulation crisis, recognizing that adoptions alone cannot resolve the volume of animals entering the shelter system; and

WHEREAS.

TESP has provided free spay/neuter, microchipping, and vaccination services to more than 26,000 pets across the Greater Houston area, directly benefiting underserved communities and reducing the flow of unwanted animals into shelters; and

WHEREAS.

these efforts have had a profound fiscal and social impact, with estimates suggesting that reducing shelter intake by half could save taxpayers nearly \$500,000 in animal care and sheltering costs, while easing pressure on municipal shelter systems; and

WHEREAS.

The Empty Shelter Project actively collaborates with government entities, law enforcement, veterinary professionals, animal welfare organizations, and volunteers, and has been met with enthusiastic support throughout Fort Bend County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Judge KP George and the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, do hereby recognize this 24th day of June, 2025

The Empty Shelter Project

for its life-changing contributions to animal welfare, community health, and taxpayer savings, and encourage continued support and collaboration for this critical initiative.