Resolution Supporting Secure Borders for the USA and Governor Greg Abbott's Leadership

Whereas, the United States of America has the constitutional responsibility to protect its citizens, sovereignty, and national interests as referenced in Article IV, Section 4 of the *United States Constitution* which states, "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against invasion"; and

Whereas, secure borders are essential for safeguarding against illegal immigration, human trafficking, drug smuggling, and other threats to national security; and

Whereas, the integrity of the immigration system is crucial for preserving the rule of law and ensuring fairness for those who seek to enter the country through legal means; and

Whereas, border security measures are vital for preventing the entry of individuals who may pose a danger to public safety or national security; and

Whereas, a well-regulated immigration system, including secure borders, strengthens the nation's ability to control the flow of goods and people across its borders, thereby contributing to economic stability and prosperity; and

Whereas, Governor Greg Abbott of Texas has demonstrated unwavering commitment and leadership in prioritizing border security and protecting the citizens of Texas from the challenges posed by illegal immigration and criminal activities as authorized by Article IV, Section 7 of the *Texas Constitution* which provides the Governor of Texas legal authority as "Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State" ... and... "He shall have power to call forth the militia to execute the laws of the State, to suppress insurrections, and to repel invasions;" and

Whereas, Williamson County commends Governor Greg Abbott for his dedication to securing the Texas border and for his proactive efforts to address the complex issues associated with illegal immigration and border security; and

Whereas, Williamson County endorses policies and initiatives aimed at enhancing border security and pledges our support for Governor Abbott's leadership in implementing these measures in the state of Texas; now

Be it resolved, that we, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, affirm our support for the implementation and maintenance of secure borders for the United States of America, and that we advocate for the allocation of federal resources necessary to effectively monitor and control the nation's borders, in alignment with Governor Abbott's vision and initiatives; and that we call upon the federal government to work collaboratively with Governor Abbott and his administration to advance solutions that promote secure borders, protect our communities, and uphold the principles of law and order.

Bill Gravell Jr. Williamson County Judge