

# Resolution

STATE OF TEXAS

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COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF LIVE OAK

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OF LIVE OAK COUNTY, TEXAS

**BE IT REMEMBERED** at a meeting of Commissioners Court of Live Oak County, Texas, held on this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2023, on motion by Mitchell Williams, Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, and second by Richard Lee, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, the following RESOLUTION was adopted:

## **A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO SECURE THE BORDER, STOP THE INVASION AT THE BORDER, AND PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Preamble to the United States Constitution outlines the chief responsibility of the Federal Government is to “insure domestic tranquility” and “provide for the common defense”; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 4 of the United States Constitution provides “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**, Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution 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**, cartels exploit weak and unsecure borders for their own power and profit, to the detriment of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, cartels act as paramilitary, narco-terrorist organizations that profit from trafficking people and drugs into the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Texas National Guard are using legal authority vested by the Texas Constitution to secure the border, stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and cartel-trafficked people into Texas, and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal activity between ports of entry; and

**WHEREAS**, Since the launch of Operation Lone Star, March 4, 2021 the multi-agency effort has led to more than 376,000 apprehensions and more than 28,000 criminal arrests, with more than 25,000 felony charges reported. Texas DPS counter drug-warfare operations have seized over 86 million lethal doses of fentanyl, more than enough to kill every man, woman, and child in the United States; and



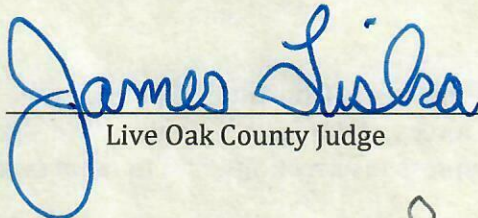
**WHEREAS**, the ongoing border security crisis is not acceptable, and has resulted in a security threat and humanitarian disaster with overwhelming consequences to residents in the State of Texas; and


**WHEREAS**, numerous Texas border counties, experiencing local disaster situations as a result of inadequate border security, have passed declarations and resolutions calling for further action and security on the southern Texas border; and

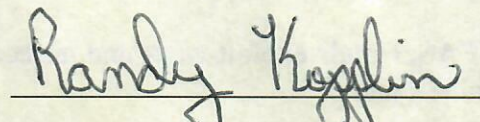
**WHEREAS:** Atascosa, Wilson, Karnes, Frio, La Salle, Dimmit, Medina, Kinney, McMullen and Live Oak County and the representatives thereof have formed a consortium to promote the common goal of safety, security, and well-being of their residents. These 10 Counties have recognized how vital the safety of our residents and visitors is to maintain a free and prosperous society and have come together to support security measures at our southern border.

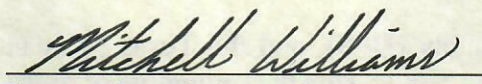
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED :** the 10 County Consortium will unite to support each other to stop the ongoing crisis by all legal means, and furthermore, work with Governor Greg Abbott, The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas National Guard and the law enforcement agencies within this 10 county region; to protect and defend the State of Texas from the detrimental effects of the Border Crisis; and will work within the consortium to provide support in repelling the declared invasion of those who relentlessly go to great lengths to circumvent the laws of Texas and the United States of America.

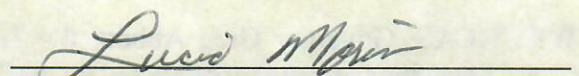
Adopted and approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

  
Live Oak County Judge

  
County Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
County Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
County Commissioner, Precinct 4