SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 595 BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVID LEIBOWITZ RELATING TO A RESTRICTION ON PERMITS AUTHORIZING DISCHARGES OF SEWAGE EFFLUENT INTO ANY WATER IN THE CONTRIBUTING OR RECHARGE ZONE OF THE SAN ANTONIO OR BARTON SPRINGS SEGMENT OF THE EDWARDS AQUIFER.

WHEREAS, 1.7 million Bexar County residents rely on the Edwards Aquifer as their primary source of drinking water; and

WHEREAS, rapid population growth and development over the Edwards Aquifer’s recharge and contributing zones threatens to compromise the quality of our water supply; and

WHEREAS, with this residential development often times sewage treatments plants are proposed to handle waste from residents and these plants propose to release treated effluent into nearby creeks and streams; and

WHEREAS, Bexar County Commissioners Court supports the efforts to protect the Edwards Aquifer, a valuable resource, as pertinent and in the best interest of Bexar County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners Court of Bexar County:

Bexar County supports House Bill 595 by Representative David Leibowitz relating to a restriction on permits authorizing discharges of sewage effluent into any water in the contributing or recharge zone of the San Antonio or Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.
PASSED AND APPROVED WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this ___ day of April, 2009.

Nelson W. Wolff
County Judge

Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez
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Commissioner, Precinct 3

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