Resolution in Support of HB _____ Prohibiting Discharge of Sewage Effluent into any water in the Contributing or Recharge Zone of the Edwards Aquifer

WHEREAS, the Edwards Aquifer provides drinking water for millions of Texans; and

Whereas, the recharge zone of the Aquifer has experienced great residential development in recent years and interest in even more development has continued; and

Whereas, with this residential development often times sewage treatment plants are proposed to handle waste from the residents and these plants propose to release treated effluent into nearby creeks and streams that recharge the Edwards Aquifer; and

Whereas, there is no known method for the removal of pharmaceutical residues for this treated effluent and these creeks and streams are direct feeds into the Aquifer directly affecting the water quality of the Edwards Aquifer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the <u>(GROUP NAME)</u> supports HB ____ introduced in the 81st legislative session that prohibits the issuance of permits authorizing the discharge of sewage effluent into any water in the contributing or recharge zone of the San Antonio or Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.