RESOLUTION OF THE HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT REGARDING SB1669

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HAYS

WHEREAS, Chapter 573 of the Texas Local Government Code allows certain counties to regulate storm water to comply with the requirements of the stormwater permitting program under the national pollutant discharge elimination system; and

WHEREAS, Travis and Bexar counties were granted this authority due to their reliance on the Edwards Aquifer as a source of drinking water, and the risk that polluted storm water entering the recharge zone can harm this important water source; and

WHEREAS, if aquifers are not reasonably protected, irreparable damage could be done to our natural resources and landowner property rights may be negatively impacted; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has designated an area which covers much of the Texas Hill Country as the Hill Country Priority Groundwater Management Area (PGMA); and

WHEREAS, a PGMA is an area designated and delineated by TCEQ that is experiencing, or is expected to experience, within 50 years, critical groundwater problems including shortages of surface water or groundwater, land subsidence resulting from groundwater withdrawal, or contamination of groundwater supplies; and

WHEREAS, without increased attention to the regulation of storm water in the fast growing Hill Country counties, already stressed aquifers will continue to face increased risk of pollution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hays County Commissioners Court supports legislation to amend Section 573.001 of the Texas Local Government Code to expand the authority to regulate storm water to any county that contains a portion of the Edwards Aquifer or any county located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Hill Country PGMA.

ADOPTED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

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Ruben Becerra
Hays County Judge

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Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe
Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Dr. Michelle Gutierrez Cohen
Commissioner, Pct. 2

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Morgan Hammer
Commissioner, Pct. 3

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Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

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Elaine H. Cárdenas, MBA, PhD
Hays County Clerk


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