

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** the citizens of Tom Green County, Texas recognize their duty as law-abiding citizens to act in accordance with the U.S. Constitution and the Texas Constitution, and are endowed with rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, which our government has been instituted to secure; and

**WHEREAS** the federal government is failing to protect the borders of our country in accordance with Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution; and

**WHEREAS** it is estimated that more than 90,000 illegal alien minors will arrive in the United States during 2014 and an additional 145,000 illegal alien minors during 2015, with most expected to remain in Texas cities and communities; and

**WHEREAS** Texas Governor Rick Perry has concluded, based on his oversight of executive functions in the State of Texas and his communications with federal agencies in that capacity that the federal government is operating with “ulterior motives” in a manner that is “not in the best interest of American citizens” by permitting and encouraging the entry of large numbers of illegal immigrants into the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS** Oklahoma Congressman Tom Cole has accurately concluded that the federal government is “essentially incentivizing the flow of this population by not returning the unaccompanied juveniles to their countries of origins quickly”; and

**WHEREAS** incentivizing minors to enter the United States illegally puts those minors at risk of physical danger, including violence and sexual abuse, which has resulted in injury and death to multiple unaccompanied minors; and

**WHEREAS** the federal government is transporting and placing illegal alien minors into Texas towns and counties, to accommodate the unprecedented overflow of illegal aliens and unaccompanied minors; and

**WHEREAS** the influx of school-age illegal minors will have an adverse effect on local school district educational funding, resources, campus security, public health, and safety; and

**WHEREAS** the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention require legal immigrants to receive a comprehensive medical exam and vaccination for a wide range of diseases, but these requirements are not being equally applied to illegal alien minors being admitted to the country; and

**WHEREAS** the Executive Director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons recently warned that by admitting large numbers of minors who come from countries where medical screenings are minimal and hygiene is poor, the United States is at risk for epidemics of serious diseases and viruses that the nation has not seen in years; and

**WHEREAS** the increasing volume of illegal aliens is financially crippling some cities and counties in the State of Texas by overwhelming the local medical, educational, law enforcement, and judicial systems; and

**WHEREAS** Governor Rick Perry warns that members of dangerous transnational criminal organizations and terror groups continue to exploit the situation to infiltrate the State of Texas for the purpose of establishing criminal and terrorist activities; and

**WHEREAS** without a secure border, Texas cities and communities cannot protect the health and safety of their citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the citizens of Tom Green County, Texas are rightly concerned about the impact of the ongoing, massive influx of illegal aliens; and

WHEREAS the State of Texas has the right and obligation to protect its citizens in accordance with Article 1, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution:

*Freedom and Sovereignty of State. Texas is a free and independent State, subject only to the Constitution of the United States, and the maintenance of our free institutions and the perpetuity of the Union depend upon the preservation of the right of local self-government, unimpaired to all the States and*

WHEREAS on July 9, 2014, Congressman K. Michael Conaway of the 11<sup>th</sup> District of the State of Texas, submitted a letter to the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Health and Human Services opposing every effort to relocate any illegal aliens to the 11st District of Texas.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas hereby finds that the housing of illegal alien minors in Tom Green County, Texas is not in the best interest of the public.

Be it Further Resolved that the Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas hereby urges our state and federal legislators and elected officials to take prompt action to end the influx of illegal aliens across our national border and cease relocation of illegal aliens into communities across the State of Texas and other states.

Be it Further Resolved that the Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas hereby encourages the federal government to provide additional resources for new and/or existing Border Patrol checkpoints and employ a contiguous physical barrier where strategically prudent.

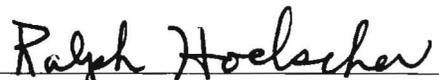
Be it Further Resolved that the Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas hereby encourages the Texas State Legislature to enhance state smuggling and human trafficking laws and provide civil and criminal liability protections for Texan land owners against criminal trespassers.

Be it Further Resolved that copies of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Court and provided to Tom Green County's state and federal elected legislative representatives.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the above Resolution was passed on this 15th day of July, 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

  
County Judge Stephen C. Floyd

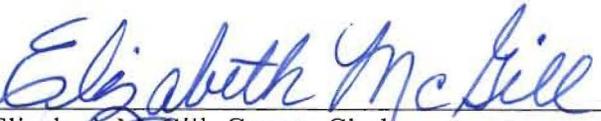
  
Commissioner Ralph Hoelscher, Pct. 1

  
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Commissioner Bill Ford, Pct. 4

Attest:

  
Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk

