

Resolution

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF MADISON

OF MADISON COUNTY, TEXAS

BE IT REMEMBERED at a meeting of Commissioners Court of Madison County, Texas, held on this 29th Day of August, 2022, on motion by Carl Wiseman, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2 and second by David Pohorely, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, 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 clearly states "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 clearly states that the Governor of Texas "shall be Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State, except when they are called into actual service of the United States. 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, the United States has a drug epidemic whereby tens of thousands of Americans die every year and, specifically, Madison County has a major health and public safety issue with illegal substances, which greatly impacts our communities, our families, our jail, our court system, and our other local resources; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol reports that CBP agents seized 192,000 pounds of methamphetamine at the southern border during 2021; 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, the Madison County Commissioners Court desires to express its support for those border counties and to express its desire for stronger border security measures, which impact all of our Texas communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Commissioners Court:

- 1) Recognizes our southern Texas border is suffering an invasion; and
- 2) Recognizes and affirms the sovereign and unilateral authority explicitly reserved to the States, respectively, under Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution to defend themselves against invasion, which has been exacerbated by the Federal Government's failure in meeting its constitutional obligation to "insure domestic tranquility", "provide for the common defense", "execute the laws", and "protect each State against invasion"; and
- 3) Supports the state-led efforts of Operation Lone Star and the expanded operation authorities available under Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution; and
- 4) Requests Governor Abbott to take necessary steps as allowed under Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution to secure the Texas border and stop the invasion at the border, including the actions by paramilitary, narco-terrorist cartels that pose a huge risk to our communities; and
- 5) Calls upon the Federal Government to uphold its duties to adequately secure and protect the borders of the United States.

Adopted and approved this 29th day of August 2022


CLARK OSBORNE – County Judge


Billy McNutt – Commissioner Pct. 1


Carl Wiseman – Commissioner Pct. 2


Carl Cannon – Commissioner Pct. 3


David Pohorelsky – Commissioner Pct. 4