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Of Denton County, Texas

RESOLUTION

Supporting Measures to Secure the Border to Protect Our Communities

The Denton County Commissioners Court, Denton County, Texas, during a regular session on the 5th day of March 2024, considered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, securing the international border is the federal government's responsibility and by refusing to enforce the immigration laws enacted by Congress, the federal government has been derelict in their duties to secure our border; and

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas National Guard, and county and local law enforcement officers are using legal authority vested by the Texas Constitution and guaranteed by the United States Constitution to secure the border, stop the cartel smugglings of people, drugs, and weapons into Texas and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal activity between ports of entry; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has allocated over \$11.5 billion to fund Governor Abbott's border security mission, Operation Lone Star. Since its launch in March 2021, the multi-agency effort has led to over 498,300 illegal immigrant apprehensions and more than 39,200 criminal arrests, with more than 35,400 felony charges. In the fight against the fentanyl crisis, Texas law enforcement has seized over 458 million lethal doses of fentanyl, more than enough to kill every man, woman, and child in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the officials of nearly 100 counties in Texas have issued disaster declarations or declared an invasion, or both, and expressed support for Operation Lone Star to secure the border against Foreign Terrorist Organizations and non-state actors and secure Texas sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing border security crisis is not acceptable, resulting in a national security threat and humanitarian disaster with overwhelming consequences to the people of Texas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Denton County Commissioners Court:

- 1) Recognizes our southern Texas border is suffering an invasion, which poses imminent danger; and
- 2) Stands in full support of Governor Abbott, our Texas Legislative Delegation, and the state-led efforts of Operation Lone Star to defend Texas' sovereignty and secure the Texas border; and
- 3) Calls upon the federal government to uphold its duties to adequately secure and protect the borders of the United States.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 5th day of March 2024, upon a motion made by
and seconded by Drange Commondson and 6 members of the
court being present and voting.
ANDY EADS, COUNTY JUDGE
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