

## EDWARDS COUNTY RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SECESSION (TEXT)

WHEREAS, Edwards County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Edwards County Commissioners' Court believe in the Rule of Law under both the United States and Texas Constitutions; and

WHEREAS, these rights are retained by the People and protected by the Constitution of these United States, and the Constitution of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Ninth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states: "the enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people," protects ancillary rights that are specifically listed in the Constitution and further builds upon the Tenth Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people;" and

WHEREAS, Article 1 Section 1 of the Texas State Constitution states, "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-Federal Government, unimpaired to all the States;" and

WHEREAS, Article 1 Section 2 of the Texas State Constitution states, "All political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their benefit. The faith of the people of Texas stands pledged to the preservation of a republican form of Federal Government, and, subject to this limitation only, they have at all times the inalienable right to alter, reform or abolish their Federal Government in such manner as they may think expedient;" and

WHEREAS, Texans are and have the right to be free and independent; and

WHEREAS; these rights are derived from the "Law of Nature and from God" and as such they must be free from infringements on the rights to keep and bear arms; unreasonable searches and seizures; capricious detainments, and every other natural right whether enumerated or not pursuant to the Ninth Amendment to the US Constitution;" and

WHEREAS, the Edwards County Commissioners Court maintains that;

- The political and ideological divisions in our country are growing ever wider and irreparable with each passing day with no indications of either political party wishing or able to work toward a lasting remedy;
- The Federal Government has indebted itself and thereby us to an unsustainable or repayable level of debt with no indication of any remedy or restraint now or in the future;
- The Federal Government has instituted a punitive tax code that rewards the nonproductive at the expense of the productive and innovative when just and alternative systems are readily available;
- The Federal Government has refused to limit the terms of the members of both the house and the senate thereby creating a class of professional political aristocrats working for their own interests and not the citizens;
- The Federal Government has removed religion from the citizen's businesses thereby making itself a deity and thereby alienating a majority of the citizens;
- The Federal Government has refused to investigate allegations of wide spread election fraud, ignoring or refusing to litigate the facts on technicalities, thereby alienating 50 percent of the electorate and calling into question the legitimacy of not only this election, but all future elections;
- The Federal Government has refused to enforce the immigration laws and has encouraged the illegal migration of the poor, desperate and criminal citizens of failed socialist countries of the world with the intent of changing the cultural ethos of our country. This is being done for purely political purposes to create a single party, totalitarian Federal Government in which to subjugate the citizens;
- The Federal Government has usurped the powers of the many states thereby violating the ninth and tenth amendments on numerous occasions and stealing the wealth of the citizens of the states for political advancement of a socialist ideology. The states were, and should to be independent of the federal Federal Government except for matters of defense and interstate commerce and foreign policy;
- The Federal Government desires to disarm the citizens for the purpose of single party subjugation of the citizens instead of encouraging the ownership of firearms for personal protection and a bulwark against totalitarian tyranny as the second amendment states and implies;
- The Federal Government has begun to spy on its citizens without warrant and to falsely redefine the citizens as terrorists for the purpose of political investigation and intimidation;
- The Federal Government has adopted radical interpretations of mental illness and

embarked on a program of indoctrination to convince the citizens that millions of years of evolution and thousands of years of culture should be disregarded and to submit their children to the vivisectionists knife;

- The Federal Government has usurped the states and county responsibility and duty to educate the children of the citizens and has demanded the inclusion of anti-American and anti-western programs or suffer the loss of funding that should have stayed with the states and counties;
- The Federal Government has instituted policies and entered into agreements that discourage and restrict private industry and the creation of private wealth thus forcing employment to foreign shores and our citizens into poverty;
- The Federal Government has begun to spy on its citizens without warrant and to falsely redefine American Citizens as domestic terrorists for the purpose of political investigation and intimidation;
- The Federal Government has incrementally usurped the responsibilities and duties of the states and counties and surreptitiously created a dependent class that cries for more and then more that can no longer be supported by the citizens; and
- That no Agency established by Congress can develop its own policies and/or regulations that supersedes the US Constitution or the Bill of Rights; nor does the Executive Branch have the power to make law, overturn law or set aside law.

WHEREAS; in the lifetime of a republic there comes time for introspection to determine the course forward and to delineate the reasons that may require a secession and creation of a new Federal Government entity to better represent the citizens of Texas and secure their liberty; and

WHEREAS; the State of Texas contributes more revenue to the Federal Government than it receives in return; and

WHEREAS; as of January 2021 had the 9<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world, and

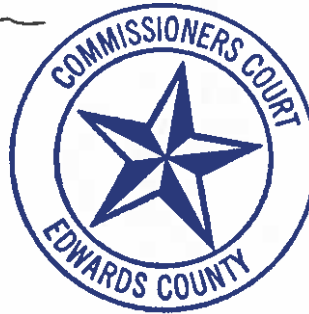
WHEREAS; for the herein above listed reasons, the Edwards County Court believes that the best interests of the citizens of Edwards County and Texas to once again become an independent republic.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED; that the Edwards County Commissioners' Court calls for the Texas Legislature along with the Governor to act on "Items 33 and 225 of the 2022 Texas Republican Platform" and pass legislation in its next session requiring a referendum in the 2023 General Election for the people of Texas to determine whether or not the State of Texas should reassert its status as an independent nation.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022

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