

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING BROWN COUNTY
AS A CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY**

- I. WHEREAS members of the Brown County Commissioners Court, being elected to represent the people of Brown County, are duly sworn by their oath of office to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Texas State Constitution and Laws, including the Texas Civil Rights Law, and
- II. WHEREAS the Brown County Commissioners Court is determined to stand as a Constitutional County to protect the rights provided to its citizens under the U.S. Constitution and its amendments, and
- III. WHEREAS such protections will extend to rights specifically enumerated in the Constitution and its amendments, including, but not limited to, rights to freedom of expression, speech, association, religion, press and petition, the right to keep and bear arms, the right to protection of person and property from government overreach and the right not to be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, and
- IV. WHEREAS such protection will also extend to all other rights either enumerated in the Constitution or its amendments, but which exist alongside the same as inalienable, basic, fundamental rights that are so deep in our society that they are deserving of protection from governmental infringement and are thus protected by the Ninth Amendment, including, but not limited to, the right to equality, liberty and pursuit of livelihood and happiness, and
- V. WHEREAS the Brown County Commissioners Court wished to express its profound commitment to the rights of all citizens of Brown County to keep and bear arms and proclaim that it is determined to stand as a Constitutional County that recognizes, respects and upholds both the First and Second Amendment rights, and states that it will use all legal means at its disposal to oppose, within the limits of the Constitutional of the United

States and the Constitution of the State of Texas, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights in order to assure that its citizens will be able to exercise freedom of religion, speech, assembly as well as keep and bear arms and use that same in defense of life, liberty and property, whether in a well-regulated militia, or individually, and


VI. WHEREAS the Brown County Commissioners Court stands and will continue to stand in strong opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict, or infringe upon, the above recognized rights, therefore

VII. BE IT RESOLVED that the goal of the Brown County Government is to support and respect the Constitution of the United States of America and its amendments, and to provide essential services financed most economically to its citizens. Also, it is to establish an environment in which the citizens of Brown County can pursue life, liberty, and happiness unencumbered by excessive and oppressive governmental mandates and intrusion into their day-to-day lives. The goal of the government of this County is to uphold the freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights. The County Commissioners Court recognizes that government in the United States of America- at all levels- are to be restrained and limited and that the power of the Government resides in the people. The Commissioners Court of this County, accept with humility and gratitude the reality that they serve at the consent of the governed and at the will of the people. The Commissioners believe in the rules of law, equality before the law, due process, private property protections, and the rights of the citizens to pursue their livelihoods without excessive government oversight. Wherever possible, the Commissioners will encourage local solutions, local funding, and creative approaches to the problems our community encounter. The Commissioners stand as a protector between the citizens of this County and the tendency of governments at state and federal levels to advance into territory not their own and consume, rather than secure, the liberties endowed to the people by the Constitution and Bill of Rights. The County's guide and standard will be the Constitution

of the United States and Founding Documents upon which our Nation, our State, and the local communities of Brown County are Built, and be it further

- VIII. RESOLVED that the Brown County Commissioners hereby expresses its intent to uphold all such rights of the citizens of Brown County and those public funds, resources, employees, buildings, or offices are not used to restrict such rights under the Constitution or its Bill of Rights (such constitutionality to be determined by the Courts), and be it further
- IX. RESOLVED that the Brown County Commissioners Court recognizes that government must be limited and that the people must be free from unnecessary and arbitrary government overreach and intrusions, and be it further
- X. RESOLVED that the Brown County Commissioners Court hereby declares Brown County, Texas, a Constitutional County, unwavering in their commitment to protect the constitutional rights of its citizens.

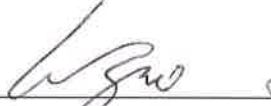
Adopted this the 18 day of October 2021.




Gary Worley
Commissioner Pct. 1



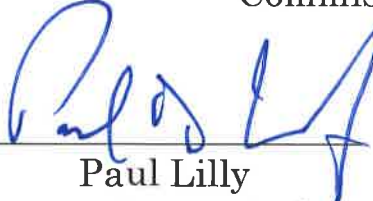
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