

# Resolution

30-22

STATE OF TEXAS

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COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF HARDIN

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OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS

**BE IT REMEMBERED** at a meeting of Commissioners Court of Hardin County, Texas, held on this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of November, 2022, on motion by \_\_\_\_\_, Commissioner of Precinct No. \_\_\_\_, and second by \_\_\_\_\_, Commissioner of Precinct No. \_\_\_\_, the following RESOLUTION was adopted:

**A RESOLUTION OF HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS, TO WORK WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IDENTIFY AND COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS ON US HIGHWAY 69 'GATEWAY TO THE BIG THICKET PARKWAY' BETWEEN FM 1003 IN KOUNTZE, HARDIN COUNTY, TO FM 1943 NEAR WARREN, IN TYLER COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Hardin County and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have cooperated on the design and development of the US Highway 69, Gateway to the Big Thicket improvement project; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hardin County and TxDOT are committed to road improvements to provide safety measures to widen the highway as an evacuation route and alleviate traffic congestion; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hardin County Commissioners Court acknowledges that the State of Texas designated the US Highway 69 as the Gateway to the Big Thicket Parkway; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court acknowledges the highway as an economic driver used by thousands of visitors each year to reach the Big Thicket National Preserve and surrounding communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court acknowledges the value in protecting the landscape of the Gateway to the Big Thicket Parkway for local communities and for all of Texas; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court acknowledges that removal of the natural landscape will contribute to localized flooding, cause erosion, alter stream hydrology, and increase pollution; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court acknowledges that the trees serve to enhance the natural landscape, protect the Big Thicket National Preserve, and contribute to economic development of the surrounding local communities; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hardin County Commissioners Court hereby joins the residents of Hardin County in support of project safety for our local communities and protections to the Big Thicket National Preserve with the retention of native vegetation on US Highway 69 Gateway to the Big Thicket Parkway.

ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

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JUDGE WAYNE MCDANIEL  
County Judge

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COMMISSIONER L. W. COOPER JR.  
County Commissioner, Precinct 1

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COMMISSIONER CHRIS KIRKENDALL  
County Commissioner, Precinct 2

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COMMISSIONER AMANDA YOUNG  
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

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COMMISSIONER ALVIN ROBERTS  
County Commissioner, Precinct 4