



RESOLUTION 19-014

Resolution in Opposition to Removing County Fireworks Regulation Authority

- WHEREAS** The Texas Legislature is considering proposals to add extra fireworks seasons to the periods during which fireworks retailers can sell fireworks without an order from a county commissioners court; and
- WHEREAS** Home, property damage, injuries and wildfires increase during use and sale periods. The expansion of fireworks seasons could endanger the health, safety, and welfare of residents by eliminating the county authority to prohibit the sale of fireworks; and
- WHEREAS** Counties currently have limited authority to regulate fireworks; and
- WHEREAS** Due to dry weather and concern for public safety, such regulations are necessary to protect life and property; and
- WHEREAS** County officials can best determine the weather and potential fire status of Brazos County; and
- WHEREAS** County governments are a critical link for emergency services. Without increased state funding to offset the increase in response from all emergency service resulting from increased times when fireworks can be sold and used, resources for emergency services will be further and dramatically taxed; and
- WHEREAS** Having received concerns from Brazos County Sheriff, county and municipal fire officials, the County Fire Marshal, and the County Director of Emergency Management;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Brazos County, Texas is opposed to any legislative action that would remove current county authority to regulate fireworks.

Adopted this 23rd day of April, 2019 in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas.

Absent

Duane Peters, County Judge

Steve Aldrich

Commissioner Steve Aldrich
Precinct 1

Sammy Catalena

Commissioner Sammy Catalena
Precinct 2

Nancy Berry

Commissioner Nancy Berry
Precinct 3

Irma Cauley

Commissioner Irma Cauley
Precinct 4