

EDWARDS COUNTY RESOLUTION
REGARDING THE CRISIS RELATING TO THE ILLEGAL CROSSINGS OF THE
BORDER WITH MEXICO BY MULTITUDES OF NON US CITIZENS

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 the United States Constitution; 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, Article IV Section 4 of the United States Constitution states: "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence," and

WHEREAS, the current "Open Border" policies of the Biden Presidency has created a surge of individuals illegally crossing the Texas-Mexico Border, and

WHEREAS, it is unknown how many of these individual are carriers of the Corona Virus and are exposing local citizens as they travel thru Edwards County, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Edwards County have seen an increase in property damages, theft of property, human trafficking, drug smuggling and other crimes due to the surge of illegals in Edwards County, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Edwards County no longer feel safe within their homes and on their property, and

WHEREAS, the increase in crime has taxed local law enforcement to the breaking point and along with the imminent threat of from the elevated risk of exposure to unknown variants has caused the Edwards County Judge to Declare a Local State of Disaster on April 21st, 2021 and extended on April 28th, 2021 and approved by the Edwards County Commissioners Court on May 5th, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the surge of illegal crossing is a direct consequence of President Biden's failure to secure the Texas Border with Mexico as required by "Article 4, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution," and

WHEREAS, said failure of the Federal Government to secure the Border requires both local and State Government to assume additional responsibilities and incur cost that are the responsibility of the Federal Government.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED; that the Edwards County Commissioners' Court issues the follow requests:

1. that President Biden reverses his Administration's "Open Border Policy" and immediately secures the Texas-Mexico Border as required by the United States Constitution,

2. that the Federal Government reimburse, in full to State and local government the expense of the additional burdens necessitated as a direct failure of the Biden's Administration to fulfil its responsibility of a secure border between Texas and Mexico, and
3. that the Federal Government reimburse private property owners for losses due to theft, poaching and damages to property by illegals and/or those transporting illegals. Said reimbursement would thru a program established by the State of Texas with funds from the Federal Government.

Presented and passed by the Edwards County Commissioners' Court this 5th day of May 2021.



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