



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SJR 17 BY CARONA**

**STATE OF TEXAS       §**  
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**COUNTY OF HAYS     §**

WHEREAS, Hays County is responsible for the operation and management of many and various governmental programs as required or authorized by state law; and

WHEREAS, many state officials appropriately oppose unfunded mandates sent down to states from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the state of Texas, acting through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, enacts laws or promulgates rules that have the effect of imposing mandatory financial obligations upon Texas counties in the same manner that federal mandates obligate the state; and

WHEREAS, such unfunded or underfunded mandates disproportionately burden local property taxpayers with paying for state programs, resulting in local tax increases and/or cutbacks in local programs; and

WHEREAS, Sen. John Carona has filed SJR 17 in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, a constitutional amendment that would "restrict the power of the Legislature to mandate requirements upon certain local governments," including counties, cities, hospital districts, community college districts, and special districts created by those entities; and

WHEREAS, SJR 17 states that "no bill enacted by the Legislature on or after Jan. 1, 2012 requiring a local government to establish, expand or modify a duty or activity that requires the expenditure of revenue by the local government shall be effective until and unless the Legislature appropriates or otherwise provides for the payment or reimbursement, from a source other than the revenue of the local government, of the costs incurred for the biennium by the local government in complying with the requirement;"

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners' Court of Hays County, that it is in the best interests of Texas counties and their taxpayers to support and favor the passage of SJR 17, as well as encouraging all members of the Texas Senate to co-sponsor SJR 17.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011**

**Bert Cobb**  
**Hays County Judge**

**Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe**  
**Commissioner, Pct. 1**

**Will Conley**  
**Commissioner, Pct. 3**

**Mark Jones**  
**Commissioner, Pct. 2**

**Ray Whisenant**  
**Commissioner, Pct. 4**

**Liz O. Gonzales**  
**Hays County Clerk**

