



**RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF A PLAN TO ACHIEVE NO-KILL STATUS FOR THE
SAN MARCOS REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER**

WHEREAS, Hays County utilizes the San Marcos Regional Animal Shelter along with other participating cities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the San Marcos Regional Animal Shelter is at or near capacity and will continue to be strained with growing demands for service; and

WHEREAS, many options exist that can effectively reduce the need for sheltering, such as improving the adoption process, fostering, utilizing spay and neuter programs, and engaging volunteers; and

WHEREAS, a No-Kill animal shelter incorporates multiple, diverse solutions that greatly reduces the need to euthanize healthy animals; and

WHEREAS, Hays County desires to invest time and resources toward the goal of saving the lives of 90% or more of the dogs and cats placed in the San Marcos Regional Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Hays County deems it necessary and proper as consideration for their commitment to help improve shelter operations and in the best interests of our community to adopt a plan to achieve a No-Kill policy for the San Marcos Regional Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Hays County believes all interested parties should work together to identify and implement shelter improvements, offer expanded support and training opportunities to the shelter staff, and strengthen relationships within Hays County to ensure the eventual success of a No-Kill policy for the region's animal shelter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:


The Hays County Commissioners Court hereby respectfully requests:


1. the creation of an Interlocal Animal Services Commission comprised of representatives of all partners of the San Marcos Regional Animal Shelter which will govern Animal Services, implement policies, operate in a transparent manner and provide periodic progress reports; and
2. the creation of an operational plan and budget by the Animal Services Commission which includes funding opportunities and the steps necessary for the Shelter to achieve No-Kill status of 90% Live Outcome within 2 years by achieving milestones in a multi-phased approach.

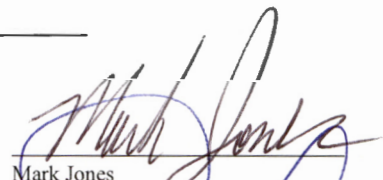
PASSED, APPROVED AND RESOLVED this the 23rd day of October, 2018

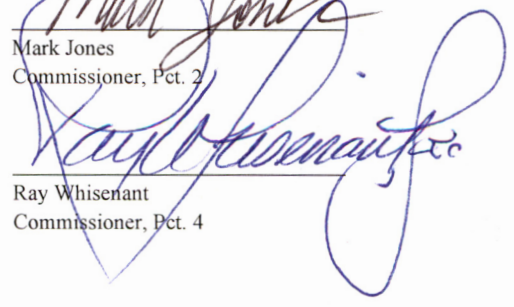
Absent

Bert Cobb
Hays County Judge


Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe
Commissioner, Pct. 1

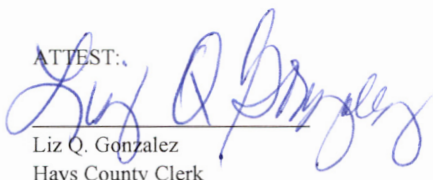

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ATTEST:


Liz Q. Gonzalez
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