

RESOLUTION NO. 10-24-2022-1
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL BORDER SECURITY
MEASURES TO STOP THE INVASION AT OUR SOUTHERN BORDER TO
PROTECT TEXAS COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS the Texas border crisis has exploded since the Biden Administration implemented a de facto open borders policy into a full-blown national security and humanitarian crisis with current activity representing unprecedented levels of illegal migration, human trafficking, drug smuggling and serious levels of crime in Texas and the United States; and,

WHEREAS the transnational narco-terrorist cartels along the Texas-Mexico border have seized de facto operational control between the points of entry on the southern Texas border facilitating massive human smuggling/trafficking operations, a deadly drug trade, including methamphetamine and fentanyl, leading to over 100,000 American deaths in 2021 alone, weapons dealing and the illegal smuggling of massive amounts of illicit currency profits out of the country; and

WHEREAS the Biden Administration has demonstrated a pronounced dereliction of duty in not enforcing existing immigration laws and encouraging millions of illegal aliens to cross our southern border thereby enriching the criminal cartels profiting off a deadly drug trade and the misery of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS the Preamble of the United States Constitution outlines the chief responsibility of the Federal Government is to "ensure domestic tranquility" and "provide for the common defense;" and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Federal government to guarantee border integrity and safety per the Constitution of the United States Article IV, Section 4, which states "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government and shall **protect each of them from invasion...**" However, when the Federal Government fails to faithfully execute its own laws, it becomes the duty of the Governor and state legislators to protect their citizens, constituents, and families from the predations of an open border; and

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WHEREAS Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution clearly states that the Governor of Texas “shall be the Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State, except when they are called into actual service of the United States. **He shall have the power to call forth the militia to execute the laws of the State, to suppress insurrections and to repel invasions;**” and

WHEREAS Governor Abbott has initiated various methods (Operation Lone Star, Texas Border Wall, etc.) to try and stem the flow of illegal aliens, criminals, drugs, and other contraband from entering Texas, the actions taken by the Texas government has proven to be ineffective in stopping, reducing, or even slowing the onslaught of illegal migration and crime. No matter what actions the Texas Governor, the Texas Attorney General or the Texas Legislature has taken or authorized, the result is that any illegal aliens detained or arrested, the ultimate disposition is left to the Federal Government, which has shown no interest in protecting the sovereignty of our southern border. Therefore, the Texas Government is left with no recourse but to take emergency measures beyond the scope of what has been previously attempted and follow through on the government function of protecting its citizens; and

WHEREAS Texas counties have experienced disastrous level impacts to their communities, families, jails, court systems and other local resources; and

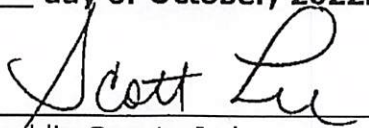
WHEREAS the Franklin County Commissioners Court seeks to stand with all Texas counties and the taxpayers of Texas affected by the lawless invasion at the southern border for more effective border security measures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin County Commissioners Court is committed to the following:

1. Recognize and affirm the sovereign and unilateral authority explicitly reserved to the States, respectively, under Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and Article IV, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution, to defend themselves against an invasion, which has been exacerbated by the Federal Government’s failure in meeting its constitutional obligation to “insure domestic tranquility”, “provide for the common defense”, “execute the laws”, and “protect each [State] against invasion”; and

2. Call for the Texas Governor to make a formal declaration of invasion thereby invoking state authority under Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution, which stipulates "No state shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any agreement or compact with another State, or with a foreign power, or engage in war, **unless actually invaded, or in such imminent danger as will not admit delay.**"
3. Advise Texas Governor, as the Commander-in-Chief of the Texas National Guard, to activate and deploy the Texas National Guard and other state assets, as necessary, to detain and return illegal aliens back across the border, turn back illegal aliens crossing from Mexico at the border, and defend Texas against cartel operatives, human traffickers and drug mules moving deadly fentanyl and narcotics into Texas towns and communities.
4. Call for the Attorney General of Texas to prepare immediate briefs to counter the Federal Government's attempts to prevent Texas from defending its southern border.
5. Ask the Texas Legislature to pass legislation that actively serves as a deterrent to illegal migration. Texas lawmakers should pass laws that protect Texas communities with a Pro citizen agenda that sends a decisive message to all cartel members, illegal aliens, and the Federal Government alike.

RESOLVED this the 24th day of October, 2022.


Franklin County Judge

ATTEST:


Franklin County Clerk

