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RESOLUTION NO.: 04-08-2019-R-039
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT BY  **DEPUTY**
WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

SUPPORTING SB1496, INTRODUCED BY TEXAS STATE SENATOR JUDITH ZAFFIRIN, DISTRICT 21, CALLING FOR THE CREATION AND FUNDING OF A PILOT STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR HYDROLOGIC AND WATER-QUALITY MONITORING, CHARACTERIZATION, AND MODELING OF THE RIO GRANDE WATERSHED IN WEBB COUNTY AND ZAPATA COUNTY AS A MEANS TO IMPROVE THE STATE OF THE RIO GRANDE WHICH SERVES AS A SOLE SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER FOR WEBB COUNTY RESIDENTS AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN SOUTH TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande River remains one of the 10 most endangered rivers in the world; and

WHEREAS, despite the Rio Grande River's critical importance as a source of irrigation, drinking water, and ecosystem habitat, it remains a remarkably understudied and underfunded river system; and

WHEREAS, understanding and improving Rio Grande River's health is key for future growth, and for the sustained protection of ecological habitat, ecotourism, avian tourism, and flood protection for cities throughout South Texas; and

WHEREAS, the pilot study as proposed through Senate Bill 1496 and introduced by Texas State Senator, Judith Zaffirini, District 21, would provide more accurate and timely data of the river as it relates to flow, flooding, water quality, heavy metals and emerging contaminants; and

WHEREAS, the pilot study would more effectively direct resources, funding, and policy priorities to improve the state of this endangered river; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande River near Laredo lacks a real-time stream gaging and water-quality monitoring network, and additional stream gaging stations and water quality sensors are needed to: (1) provide data to better understand the effects of withdrawals and discharges and support management of water allocations, (2) enhance public safety through flood forecasting, and (3) better understand the river's health for humans and ecological habitat; and

WHEREAS, the pilot project entails funding and establishing a 5-year pilot study of the Rio Grande with real-time data sensors with 3 in Webb County and 1 in Zapata County at an estimated cost of \$2.45 million over a 5-year time frame; and

WHEREAS, it is in the County of Webb's best interest to support SB 1496, in that the Pilot Study would help to improve the state of the Rio Grande River which serves as the sole source of drinking water for Webb County residents and millions of people in South Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WEBB, THAT:

1. It supports SB1496, introduced by Texas State Senator Judith Zaffirini, District 21, calling for the creation and funding of a Pilot Study to be conducted by the Texas Water Development Board and providing for Hydrologic and Water Quality Monitoring, Characterization, and Modeling of the Rio Grande Watershed in Webb County and Zapata County as a means to improve the state of the Rio Grande River which serves as the sole source of drinking water for Webb County residents and millions of people in South Texas.
2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.


PASSED BY THE WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE ON THIS THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019.



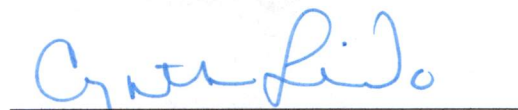
The Honorable Tano E. Tijerina
Webb County Judge



The Honorable Jesse Gonzalez
Commissioner, Precinct 1

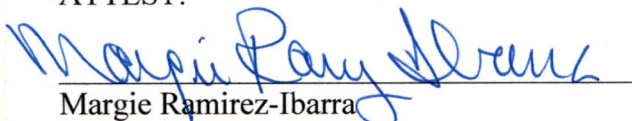

The Honorable Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina
Commissioner, Precinct 2

The Honorable John Galo
Commissioner, Precinct 3



The Honorable Cindy Liendo
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:



Margie Ramirez-Ibarra
County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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