

On this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2004, the Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas convened in a regularly scheduled meeting with the following members thereof present:

**James D. Yarbrough County Judge;**  
**Eddie Barr, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1;**  
**Eddie Janek, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2;**  
**Stephen D. Holmes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3;**  
**Kenneth Clark, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and**  
**Mary Ann Daigle, County Clerk**

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

**Whereas**, Galveston County has one of the most bountiful waters in the United States. Its bays, wetlands, wildlife sanctuaries and off-shore waters are a major economic and environmental asset and a major tourist destination; and

**Whereas**, the Galveston County area is an international birding destination because of its wintering migrating passerines, its shorebirds, waterfowl, raptors and others, approaching 500 species on record; and

**Whereas**, the sport and commercial fishing industries and bird watching help support a variety of businesses in the Galveston County, including hotels and restaurants, tour guide operators, marinas and boat dealers, fishing equipment and supply outlets, and bait dealers and fish houses; and

**Whereas**, these same waters are being threatened by massive and under-regulated inflows of fresh waters and rapidly diminishing the ability of salt-water species to flourish and regenerate. Preserving our natural resources by helping to ensure that sufficient freshwater flows will help protect recreational opportunities, the environment and land values. In addition, economic studies indicate that protecting our waters is cost-effective and consistent with overall economic development, commercial and recreational fishermen and the tourist industry; and

**Whereas**, in light of the foregoing, it is believed to be important for our governing body to speak out strongly in favor of the Texas Legislature taking steps to protect freshwater inflows.

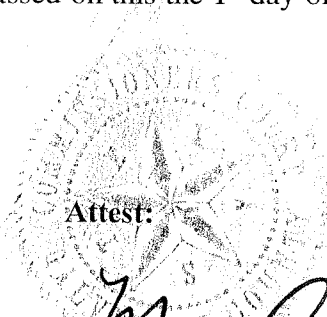
**Now, therefore, be it Ordered** that the Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas does hereby most respectfully urge State Senators Mike Jackson and Kyle Janek and State Representatives Craig Eiland and Larry Taylor to develop legislation to protect freshwater inflows.

**Be it Further Ordered** that a copy of this Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court and that a copy be made for each of the County's representatives in the Texas Legislature.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the above Resolution was unanimously passed on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2004.

County of Galveston, Texas

Attest:



Mary Ann Daigle  
Mary Ann Daigle, County Clerk

County of Galveston

By James D. Yarbrough  
James D. Yarbrough, County Judge

Eddie Barr  
Eddie Barr, Comm., Pct. #1

Eddie Janek  
Eddie Janek, Comm., Pct. #2

Stephen D. Holmes  
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Kenneth Clark  
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