

RESOLUTION NO. 04-044

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO PROTECT FRESHWATER INFLOWS; DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO SEND A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO STATE SENATORS MIKE JACKSON AND KYLE JANEK AND TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG EILAND; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 City of Galveston 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 City and County of Galveston, 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, on November 1, 2004, the Galveston County Commissioners' Court passed an order encouraging the Texas Legislature to take steps to protect freshwater inflows; and,

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, it is important for the City Council of the City of Galveston to speak out strongly in favor of the Texas Legislature taking steps to protect freshwater inflows;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, hereby most respectfully urges State Senators Mike Jackson and Kyle Janek and State Representative Craig Eiland to develop legislation to protect freshwater inflows.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas, hereby directs the City Secretary to send a certified and true copy of this Resolution to Senators Mike Jackson and Kyle Janek, and Representative Craig Eiland, and to all other members of the Texas Legislature.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be and become effective from and after its adoption.

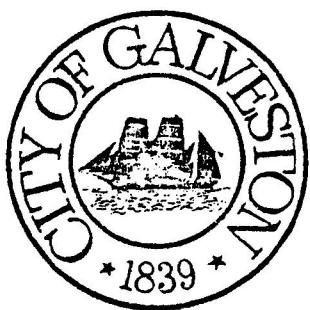
APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Susie Green
City Attorney

I, Barbara S. Lawrence, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Galveston at its regular meeting held on the 11th day of November, 2004, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston this 19th day of November, 2004.



Barbara S. Lawrence
Secretary for the City Council
of the City of Galveston