

A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF FRESHWATER INFLOWS

WHEREAS, freshwater inflows to the Sabine Lake system are important to commercial and recreational fisherman, bird watchers and other citizens living and working in Orange and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the sportfishing industry makes a tremendous contribution to the economy of the Orange area through the tourism it attracts; and

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry provides many jobs in the Orange area and supplies fresh fish to local restaurants and markets around the area; and

WHEREAS, the Orange area is an international birding destination because of the tremendous diversity of birds occurring here; and

WHEREAS, the sport and commercial fishing industries, birdwatching, and other nature-related tourism activities help support a variety of businesses in the Orange area, including hotels and restaurants, tour guide operators, marinas and boat dealers, fishing equipment and supply outlets, and bait dealers and fish houses; and

WHEREAS, sport and commercial fishing and other tourism industries can be harmed by the failure to ensure that sufficient freshwater flows reach the Sabine Lake system; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, it is 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 RESOLVED by the Orange City Council that:

We respectfully urge Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Senator Tommy Williams, and Representatives Mike "Tuffy" Hamilton and Joseph D. "Joe" Deshotel to develop and enact legislation to protect freshwater inflows.

Passed and Approved on this the 23rd day of January, 2007.

ATTEST:

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