

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF A RECYCLING END-MARKET DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND STATE-WIDE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, the State of Texas recognized the need to support solid waste diversion and recycling in 1989 when it passed the State Solid Waste Disposal Act and codified in the State Health and Safety Code:

- Section 361.014 (a)(6) – use of funds can be directed to conduct a statewide education program; and
- Section 361.014 (a)(8) – use of funds can be directed to promote the development and stimulation of markets for recycled waste products; and
- Section 361.0151 (b) –the (TCEQ) shall work in conjunction with the Texas Department of Commerce to pursue the development of markets for recycled materials; and

WHEREAS, it is economically desirable to promote conservation of landfill space, waste reduction, reuse recycling and alternative methods of disposal of waste; and

WHEREAS, the development of a statewide market development study/plan for recyclable materials would help expand demand for recovered materials in Texas, resulting in increased diversion and enhanced economic activity and competitiveness for Texas businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Texas recycling industry employs over 17,000 Texans, pays \$195 million dollars in annual taxes and fees, has a \$3.3 billion-dollar annual positive impact on the Texas economy, and supports over 100 recyclable processors and end-use manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, recyclable materials have been primarily exported from the United States for the past two decades; China, the principal recipient of those materials, has recently imposed an embargo on recyclables through establishment of “National Sword” policies which set quality standards that are virtually impossible to meet, and China plans to end all importation of recyclables by 2020; and

WHEREAS, contamination is an education issue and there is a need for greater education on the topic of what and how to recycle so that materials which are recovered and processed are of high quality and are suitable for use as feedstocks in today’s remaining limited market outlets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Pflugerville to request that the delegates assembled at the 2018 Annual Conference of the Texas Municipal League that the League seek introduction and passage of a bill to fund an end-market development plan and state-wide educational campaign for the Texas recycling industry.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Pflugerville this 9th day of October 2018, at Pflugerville, Texas.

CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS

By: _____
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