A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUATION IN THE TEXAS COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Brown

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Election Code 43.007et.seq., Texas counties may submit an application to the Texas Secretary of State to participate in a program to use countywide polling places for elections as an alternative to having polling places located in each county election precinct and was executed for the first time Nov. 8th, 2022.

WHEREAS the Brown County Commissioners Court held a public hearing on December 4th, 2023, regarding the county's continuation in the program and will submit an recorded Transcript of the hearing to the Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Commissioners Court finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Brown County to continue in the countywide polling place program of the Secretary of State;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED.

THAT the Brown County Commissioners Court supports the Continuation to Participate in the Secretary of State's Countywide Polling Place program as provide in Election Code43.007.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4th day of December 2023.

Shane Britton

Brown County Judge

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On behalf of the Brown County Commissioner's Court, we wholeheartedly endorse county-wide voting. It is our belief that county-wide voting will greatly enhance the voting opportunities of rural voters who work in locations that are far from their home voting precinct.

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Brown county has always endeavored to ensure voting precincts are distributed by population density and we are committed to continuing that desire. We have seen little growth in population density in the last 30 years and are expecting very little growth in the future. According to the Texas Demographic Center, the following chart indicates our population projections:

Population 2020	38,095
Projected Population 2030	39,717
Projected Population 2040	40,383
Projected Population 2050	40,459
Projected Population 2060	40,599
Numeric Change 2020-2060	2,504
Numeric Change 2020-2040	2,288
% Pop Change 2020-2040	6.0
% Pop Change 2020-2060	6.6

As we always have done, we will continue to evaluate both population growth and density, as well as the location of density within our county to ensure that voting precincts are equitable distributed and will do everything within our power to ensure access to voting locations.

If we can provide any further information or answer any question you may have, please feel free to contact me at the above phone number.

Sincerely.

Honorable Shane Britton

County Judge