# A RESOLUTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION EXCELLENCE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (TEX-21) EFFORTS TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND US 287 TO BECOME AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY

**WHEREAS,** USHighway 287, beginning in Port Arthur, and continuing northwest throughout Texas and across the United States into Canada, is one of the most dynamic and thriving corridors for the movement of goods and people in Texas; US Highway 287 also intersects or merges with almost all major highways in Texas such as I-10 in Beaumont, I-69 in Corrigan, I-35E in Waxahachie, I-20 in Arlington, I-20, I-820, I-30 and I-35W in Fort Worth, I-44 in Wichita Falls and I-40 in Amarillo; and

**WHEREAS,** US Highway 287 is in need of infrastructure improvements that would increase capacity and efficiency, improve safety, and enhance mobility for people and goods traveling the Corridor allowing retention of existing world-class corporate residents and attracting even more of those corporations to this industrious region in Texas; and

**WHEREAS,** The population of Texas is set to increase exponentially in the coming decades, necessitating more goods and freight to flow along the US 287 Corridor; and

**WHEREAS,** The US 287 corridor is a critical evacuation route for Texas residents during hurricanes along the Texas gulf; and

**WHEREAS,** Transportation Excellence for the 21st Century (TEX-21) and its US 287 Corridor Task Force has communicated the significance of the infrastructure initiatives to the State of Texas as well as the Federal Government, and whose members have worked to insure that US 287 will be even better suited to provide for the mobility needs of the region’s corporate and residential constituents;

**WHEREAS,** The improvements needed to bring the corridor to Interstate standards would greatly improve the corridor, making it safer and allowing for a more efficient movement of goods and people and is necessary for the economic development of cities and counties throughout Texas;

# NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY/COUNTY/ORGANIZATION OF

**THAT** The City/County/Organization of is in full support of the mission and vision of The Transportation Excellence for the 21st Century’s US 287 Corridor Task Force; and

**THAT** The City/County/Organization of requests that the Texas Department of Transportation, conduct an official corridor study of US 287 as a first step towards elevating its status to an Interstate Highway and determine exactly what improvements are necessary and focus on securing the funds that would enable these improvements; and

**THAT** This resolution shall be circulated to interested parties, including the Texas Congressional Delegation, the Governor of Texas, the Texas Legislature, the Texas Transportation Commission, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the media and others, and is so accordingly Ordered.

# CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY/COUNTY/ORGANIZATION THIS JANUARY, AD 2017.

**DAY OF**