

RESOLUTION 2021-1R

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER GULF COAST PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION DURING THE 87TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE (2021), TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPAL HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE BY CITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS IN MUNICIPAL PARKS.

WHEREAS, the Greater Gulf Coast Parks and Recreation Directors' Association has determined that city parks are popular attractions visited year-round by a significant number of tourists and visitors to cities; and

WHEREAS, city parks are utilized for multiple large annual events and festivals that are attended by a significant number of tourists and visitors to cities; and

WHEREAS, city parks may be in need of additional improvements and amenities and connectivity to lodging establishments and tourist attractions, as the current demand for certain city park facilities and amenities frequently exceeds the operating capacity of said improvements and amenities, due to the large attendance at annual festivals, events, and related tourist activities held on city parks and would benefit from connectivity and additional public facilities; and

WHEREAS, city tourism and hotel and lodging industries would benefit from the expenditure of municipal hotel tax revenue on construction of improvements and connectivity to City parks, as tourists and visitors frequently visit the city parks, and improvements to the city parks will increase the quality and number of amenities available at said city parks for use and enjoyment by tourists and visitors to the city and surrounding area; and

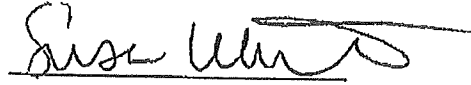
WHEREAS, city tourism and hotel and lodging industries would benefit from the expenditure of municipal hotel tax revenue on construction of trails and sidewalks that connect city parks to lodging establishments and other tourist attractions, which will increase the use and enjoyment by tourists and visitors of lodging establishments, parks, tourist attractions, and related public facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREATER GULF COAST PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the Greater Gulf Coast Parks and Recreation Director's Association members adopt the findings and recitals set forth in the preamble of this Resolution.

Section 2. That the Greater Gulf Coast Parks and Recreation Director's Association supports the passage of legislation during the 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature (2021), that would allow for the expenditure of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue by Texas cities for construction of improvements in municipal parks and trails/ sidewalks that connect parks, lodging establishments, and other tourist attractions, and related public facilities.

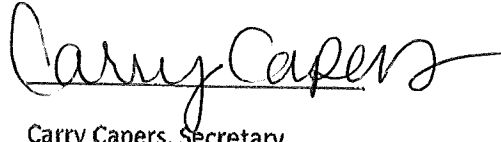
PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of January, 2021.



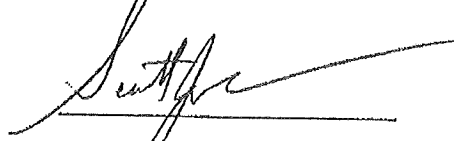
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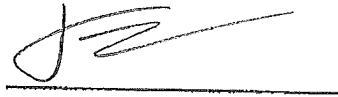
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