

RESOLUTION NO. 009-17

Special acknowledgement to State elected officials for State of Texas Legislation

WHEREAS, The Woodlands Township is a Special Purpose District in the State of Texas governed by Enabling Legislation; and

WHEREAS, The Woodlands Township has Regional Participation Agreements with the cities of Houston and Conroe to establish its own governance for its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, The Woodlands Township values its vital role in Montgomery County, Texas, as a place to live, work, play and visit; and

WHEREAS, The Woodlands Township needed special legislation to protect the interests of its residents and businesses in the future; and

WHEREAS, The Woodlands Township Board of Directors requested the support of Senator Brandon Creighton and Representative Mark Keough in the 2017 Texas Legislative Session to assist the Township in developing a pathway for future governance, and

WHEREAS, Senator Creighton and Representative Keough were very receptive to the Townships' requested legislative initiatives and pledged their support to assist the community in developing the legislative framework for future governance considerations, and

WHEREAS, Senator Creighton and Representative Keough introduced legislation on behalf of the Township and worked tirelessly through a very difficult state legislative process to seek passage of the legislation, and

WHEREAS, Senator Creighton and Representative Keough began the long journey from early February of 2017 to the signing of the legislation, and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2017, Governor Greg Abbott signed Senate Bills 1014 and 1015 into law which provides legislative authority for The Woodlands future governance considerations; and

WHEREAS, this bill provides a statutory process to allow for the future governance of The Woodlands based on voter approvals with the continuation of Township services and revenue streams and defines processes for the transition of the Township into future forms of government and for the elimination of the Township entity; and

WHEREAS, The Woodlands Township Board of Directors congratulates Senator Creighton and Representative Keough on the successful passage of this historic legislation for The Woodlands community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township along with its residents and businesses express sincere appreciation to State Senator Brandon Creighton and State Representative Mark Keough in their commitment to protect the future independent governance of areas like The Woodlands in the State of Texas.

PASSED and APPROVED this 28th day of June, 2017.

Gordy Bunch
Chairman, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Laura Fillault
Secretary, Board of Directors