

County of Nueces



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BARBARA CANALES
County Judge
Nueces County Courthouse, Room 303
901 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-3697

COMMISSIONERS COURT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE-RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF YOUTH

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, is accepting applications and Minta Moore is submitting such on behalf of New Life Refuge Ministries (NLRM) for the project of New Life Refuge Home of Hope (NLRHH); and,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is in dire need of housing for child victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE). A University of Texas study estimated there are potentially 79,000 children being trafficked in Texas and there are very few places that offer therapeutic healing for these survivors statewide. New Life Refuge Ministries currently serves girls but is expanding their campus to include 2 homes for boys who have experienced CSE. This will be the first place to offer therapeutic long-term care for boys; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Coastal Bend area is in great need of the services provided by NLRM such as the development of a long-term residential program that NLRHH will provide. There is no such program in South Texas or the surrounding region. The children of this region are exceptionally vulnerable to traffickers for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: Network of interstate systems, Seaports, Hundreds of miles of coastline, Proximity of US/Mexico border, Extreme poverty, with some areas having 90% of the children living in poverty, Higher than average number of homeless and runaway children; and,

WHEREAS, in this exceptionally vulnerable geographic area, NLRM, Minta Moore, and the board of directors have stepped forward to provide much needed services to this vulnerable population and the Commissioners Court strongly supports this needed grant proposal to help the children of Texas through the NLRHH long-term residential service for child victims of CSE; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NUECES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, hereby supports the grant application for Victim Assistance-Residential and Community Services for Victims of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Youth.

DULY ADOPTED BY VOTE OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

BARBARA CANALES
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ATTEST:

KARA SANDS, County Clerk