



Tyler

County

Commissioners Court

100 West Bluff
Woodville, Texas 75979

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in Polk County, Texas and is committed to supporting the economic development and creation of jobs within the surrounding counties of Deep East Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas' Naskila electronic bingo facility, has created over 700 new jobs in Deep East Texas and is the second largest employer in the region, and is responsible for injecting nearly \$170 million annually in revenue to the region; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas provided over 50 fully paid collegiate scholarships for graduating high school students of the Tribe in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas being a good community partner, contributed \$500,000 in donations after Hurricane Harvey to several counties, and purchased 30 manufactured home units;

WHEREAS, the Ysleta del Sur Pubelo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Act, also known as the "Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Act," could resolve any perceived conflict between federal statutes regarding the right of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas to offer Class II electronic bingo on their tribal lands pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, a right enjoyed and exercised by the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas since 1996; and

WHEREAS, the passage of such legislation is vital to continued economic development and health of both the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas and all Deep East Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____, joins the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas in support of the Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Act to clarify that the Tribe can enjoy the opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and to protect jobs. **FURTHER**, _____, urgently requests that those who represent Texas in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate work to enact such legislation into law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2021 by the Tyler County Commissioners Court.

Joe Blacksher
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Stevan Sturrock
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Mike Marshall
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Buck Hudson
Commissioner, Pct. 4

Jacques L. Blanchette
County Judge

ATTEST: _____
Donece Gregory, County Clerk