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WHEREAS, *the Texas Legislature recently created the Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD) protect the Texas coast from deadly storm surge; and*

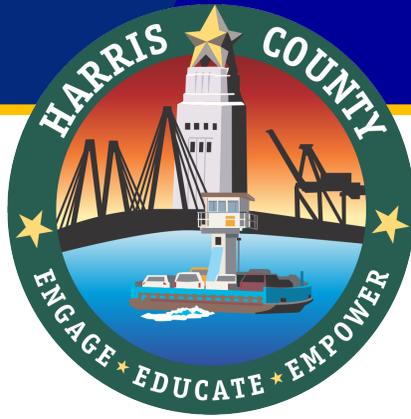
WHEREAS, *the Coastal Texas Study was recently transmitted to the Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers which lays the groundwork to implement needed coastal protection; and*

WHEREAS, *Harris County contains significant infrastructure that is vital to the nation's national security and economic well-being. The Gulf Coast region produces 60% of the nation's aviation fuel, 42% of the nation's specialty chemical feedstock, and 80% of the nation's military grade fuel (statistics from Governor Abbott press release naming directors to the GCPD); and*

WHEREAS, *increased hurricane activity presents an existential threat to one of the most important industrial centers in the nation.*

BE IT RESOLVED, *Harris County Harris County Commissioners Court supports the work of the Gulf Coast Protection District, advancing the goal of protecting coastal Texas, including Harris County and the Houston Ship Channel, from the increasing threat of catastrophic storm surge, and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *Harris County Commissioners Court acknowledges that the County must play a leading role in working with the GCPD to build political and financial support at the local, state, and national level to implement the Coastal Texas Study, and*



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that Harris County Commissioners Court commends the GCPD for exploring innovative ways to finance the local portion of the Coastal Texas Study because Harris County cannot be expected to bear the full cost of protecting some of our nation's most vital industrial infrastructure, and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *call on our partners across the state and in the private sector to come together to work with us in safeguarding Texas from deadly storm surge, and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *We direct County departments including the Office of County Administration, Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Harris County Flood Control District to work with and to support the GCPD in advocating for needed coastal protection.*

ADOPTED ON *this 14th day of December, 2021*

Lina Hidalgo
County Judge

Rodney Ellis
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Adrian Garcia
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.
Commissioner, Precinct 3

R. Jack Cagle
Commissioner, Precinct 4

Attest:

Teneshia Hudspeth
County Clerk