

## **RESOLUTION RELATING TO REDISTRICTING BY THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021, at a duly posted and called Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court of Walker County, there came for consideration and approval a resolution, relating to redistricting various districts by the Texas Legislature.

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Constitution in Article III lays out the framework by which redistricting occurs in Texas by the Legislature following publication of the decennial census; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Demographer has reported the ideal population of each Texas House, Texas Senate, U.S. Congressional, and State Board of Education Districts based off the 2020 decennial census for the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring communities are equally represented in accordance with the one-person, one-vote requirement and ensuring districts populations are within the ideal range and without excessive deviations from all other districts is an enormous task of the Texas Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the current proposed Congressional districts under consideration by the Texas Legislature appear to divide Walker County into two separate Congressional Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Resolution, the final Texas House Districts and U.S. Congressional Districts have not been approved and shared with Walker County officials; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker County Commissioners Court seeks to ensure our county and communities are not broken up into multiple districts; and

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WALKER COUNTY THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Commissioners' Court of Walker County requests the Texas Legislature to reevaluate the proposed Texas Congressional Districts and to take into consideration the proposed ideal size of said districts and maintain Walker County's representation in the United States House of Representative with one Representative for the entirety of the County.

**Section 2.** The Commissioners' Court of Walker County asserts that at no time do we support dividing our county, communities, and neighborhoods.

**Section 3.** A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to every member of the Texas House and Senate Redistricting Committees, Walker County Legislative Delegation, the Speaker of the Texas House and the Lieutenant Governor of Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of October 2021.