## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO PASS THE PROPERTY TAX REFORM AND RELIEF ACT OF 2019

STATE OF TEXAS	§	
COUNTY OF MONTGOME	RY §	
On the 12 <sup>th</sup> day of Feb	ruary, 2019, at a duly posted and	d called meeting of the
Commissioners Court of	Montgomery County, Texas, on	motion of Commissioner
, S	econded by Commissioner	, duly put and
carried:		

**WHEREAS**, the State of Texas and Montgomery County have for years enacted and stood by policies to encourage economic freedom and growth, and those policies have succeeded in creating economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, that economic prosperity has caused the value of property to increase, and therefore Texas property owners have seen multiple years of appraisal increases that have increased property tax collections even without a corresponding rise in tax rates; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Paul Bettencourt and State Representative Dustin Burrows have filed Senate Bill 2 and House Bill 2, both would reduce the rollback rate from 8 percent to 2.5 percent and require local elected officials to ask for voter approval any time the rollback rate is exceeded when adopted by the local taxing jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, State Senator Brandon Creighton has authored along with several Senators SB 2, which would lower the rollback rate from 8 percent to 2.5 percent and require automatic tax rate ratification elections if the rollback rate is exceeded when adopted by the local taxing jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS,** State Senator Brandon Creighton has filed Senate Bill 657, which would impose a Constitutional appraisal cap of 3 percent for properties with an appraisal value of less than one million dollars and 5 percent for properties with an appraisal value of over one million dollars.

**WHEREAS**, State Representative Cecil Bell has authored HB 878, which would lower the Constitutional appraisal cap from 10 percent to 5 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, State Representative Will Metcalf has authored HB 946, which would lower the Constitutional appraisal cap from 10 percent to 5 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott has declared this property tax relief to be an Emergency Item in the 86th Legislature, and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and House of Representatives Speaker Dennis Bonnen have expressed their strong support for passage of this legislation; and

WHEREAS, the property owners of Montgomery County have long asked for property tax relief such as this legislation can provide; and

**WHEREAS**, it is within the power of this Commissioners Court to support our state leaders in passing legislation to help our local property taxpayers and to keep the economic engine that powers Montgomery County and the State of Texas strong.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT DO HEREBY ENCOURAGE THE MEMBERS OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND THE MEMBERS OF THE 86TH LEGISLATURE TO PASS HOUSE BILL 2 OR SENATE BILL 2 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DESERVED PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF TEXAS.

The Office of County Judge shall forward a copy of this resolution to each member of the Texas Legislature representing any portion of Montgomery County, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

MONTGOME	ERY COUNTY, TEXAS
MARK KEO	UGH, COUNTY JUDGE
	MIKE MEADOR, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1
	CHARLIE RILEY, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2
	JAMES NOACK, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3
	JAMES METTS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4
ATTEST:	
MARK TURNBULL, COUNTY CLERK	_