

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-00

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOLITION OF THE OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER IN GALVESTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Texas allows for the abolition of elected offices by statewide and local ballot referendums

WHEREAS, nine counties in Texas (Andrews, Bee, Bexar, Collin, El Paso, Fayette, Gregg, Nueces and Tarrant) and the State of Texas have abolished their Treasurer offices,

WHEREAS, the citizens of La Marque and Galveston County desire efficient and effective government, and consolidating duties into other full-time offices to allow the abolition of the elected Treasurer office will save taxpayers approximately \$500,000 annually and reduce the risk of misappropriated funds as was experienced in 2018

WHEREAS, the voters of Galveston County recently elected as the County Treasurer a candidate, Hank Dugie, who campaigned to abolish the office of the County Treasurer in Galveston County

WHEREAS, the abolition of the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County has been unanimously supported by Galveston County Commissioner's Court and included as a legislative priority for the 87th and now the 88th session of the Texas Legislature

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The City Council expresses its unqualified support for the abolition of the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County.

Section 2. The City Council respectfully requests that the Texas Legislature pass a joint resolution to submit to the voters of Galveston County a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County.

Section 3. The City Council directs the City Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution upon its passage to each of our local Texas Legislators, the Texas Speaker of the House, the Texas Lieutenant Governor, and the Texas Governor.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

In the event any clause, phrase, provision sentence, or part of this Resolution or the application of the same to any person or circumstance for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is the intention of the City Council that the invalidity or unconstitutionality of the one or more parts shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Resolution as a whole or any part or provision other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.

DULY PASSED by a majority vote of all members of the City Council of the City of La Marque on the ____ day of _____ 2023.

Keith Bell
Mayor

Kierra Nance, TRMC
City Clerk