

TEXAS FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR of HB 1183 RELATING TO THE COUNTY AUTHORITY TO REGULATE FIREWORKS

WHEREAS, the Texas Fire Marshals' Association recognizes the proposed Local Government Code Section 352.052 Prohibition on Firework use During Certain Hours and;

WHEREAS, currently there is no regulation under this section that may prohibit or restriction of the time fireworks can be used in the unincorporated area of the county;

WHEREAS, there are no limitations on hours within a day, that a "firework" designed for entertainment to produce a viable or audible effect by combustion, explosion, or detonation can be limited;

WHEREAS, House Bill 1183 creates, the ability of a Commissioners Court by order to prohibit the use of fireworks in the unincorporated area of the county during the hours specified by the order;

WHEREAS, this bill helps to provide safety and management for fireworks for each county, by the Commissioners Court;

WHEREAS, this bill does not impact the sales or sales seasons currently in place by state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Fire Marshals' Association is in favor of House Bill 1183 for the practical solution that allows for better control during the firework seasons by allowing safe times for firework usage and an enforcement mechanism for citizens that knowingly violate a prohibition under this order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be read into the permanent minutes of the Texas Fire Marshals' Association and copies sent to the office of Representative Kevin Roberts, the County Affairs committee and the State Fire Marshal's Office of the State of Texas.


Laurie L. Christensen

TFMA President
Title

3/17/17
Date