## RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS Real County contains much of the Upper Nueces River (segment 2112), and the Upper Frio River (segment 2113); and
- WHEREAS The pristine streams within Real County support the region's visitor and recreation-based economy; and
- WHEREAS These streams are clear and pristine because they carry little or no nutrients, such as phosphorous; and
- WHEREAS Even the best treated domestic wastewater direct discharge carries levels of nutrients, including phosphorus, that far exceed the natural levels found in these streams; and
- WHEREAS The addition of nutrients, like phosphorus, to these pristine streams will degrade water quality and may result in algal blooms, fish kills and interruption of recreational use, and
- WHEREAS These streams can be protected by prohibiting direct discharge of treated domestic wastewater within their drainages and instead requiring alternative means of disposal through land application, reuse or other means, and
- WHEREAS The Real County Commissioners Court recognizes the value of these pristine streams to the environment and economy of Real County.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE REAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT

The **Real County** Commissioners Court hereby supports the petitioned Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rule change (2022-1075-PET) prohibiting the agency from authorizing the discharge of treated domestic wastewater pollutants into any creeks and streams located with the drainage area of the Frio, and Nueces Rivers.

APPROVED BY THE REAL COUNTY COMMISISONERS COURT THIS THE

14th

DAY OF

2022.

REAL COUNTY JUDGE

REAL COUNTY CLERK