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COUNTY OF TAYLOR

RESOLUTION 01-23/24

A RESOLUTION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 3852 (H.R.3852) THE CREATE ACCOUNTABLE RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENTS (CARE) FOR CHILDREN ACT IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF THE COTTAGE HOME MODEL AS IMPLEMENTED AT HENDRICK HOME FOR CHILDREN IN ABILENE, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, Hendrick Home for Children in Abilene, Texas has been operating as an alternative placement for children in Texas since 1939; and

WHEREAS, Hendrick Home for Children has provided a safe and loving home for hundreds of children using the Cottage Home Model; and

WHEREAS, the Cottage Home Model is a home operated within the standards for licensing and provides a safe residential resource for children and their siblings to reside with non-custodial parents; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, County of Taylor and the City of Abilene children and families have been served well by Hendrick Home for Children as a licensed agency for residential child care; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of Hendrick Home for Children is estimated to be \$6.26 million annually; and

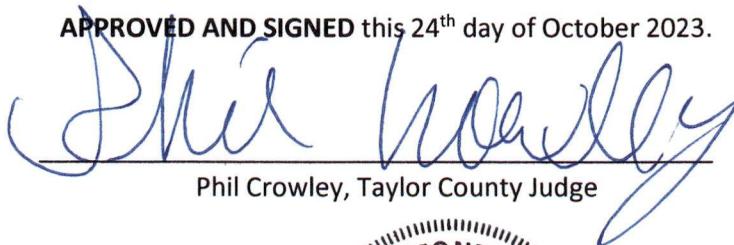
WHEREAS, there are more than 200 children in foster care in Taylor County with 70% being placed outside of the county (DFPS Statistics, June 2023); and

WHEREAS, Hendrick Home for Children can provide a solution before placement in foster care; and

WHEREAS, the passage of H.R. 3852 will expand the continuum of care to allow agencies like Hendrick Home for Children to provide more options for children in need of out-of-home placements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners' Court for Taylor County, Texas that they hereby support the passage of H.R. 3852 and support the efforts of Hendrick Home for Children to provide a safe and loving placement for children who need spiritual, emotional, physical and educational support.

APPROVED AND SIGNED this 24th day of October 2023.


Phil Crowley, Taylor County Judge

Attest:



Brandi DeRemer, Taylor County Clerk

