

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF STARR COUNTY'S REQUEST TO SEVER FROM BORDER REGION BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND JOIN TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, the counties of Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg, and Starr entered into an interlocal agreement under the authority of Chapter 534 of the Texas Health and Safety Code to create a multi-county community mental health and intellectual disability center, known as Border Region Behavioral Health Center (hereinafter "Border Region"); and

WHEREAS, Border Region is governed by a Board of Trustees, composed of nine members appointed by the Commissioners Courts of Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg, and Starr counties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Border Region has received formal notification from Starr County of its intent to terminate its affiliation with Border Region and to seek affiliation with Tropical Texas Behavioral Health Center (hereinafter "Tropical Texas"), citing the closer proximity of services available in Hidalgo, Texas, as a primary factor in better serving the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Webb County acknowledges Starr County's assessment that this transition would better meet the needs of its residents and recognizes the potential benefits of more accessible behavioral health services for the citizens of Starr County;

WHEREAS, the counties of Webb, Zapata, and Jim Hogg remain committed to the continued operation of Border Region and to ensuring the sustained delivery of high-quality mental health and intellectual disability services for their respective populations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners Court of Webb County supports Starr County's request to separate from Border Region and affiliate with Tropical Texas Behavioral Health Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners Court of Webb County will provide all necessary support to Border Region to facilitate an orderly transition, ensuring that the continuity of care for Starr County residents is maintained throughout the process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if Starr County is not accepted into Tropical Texas Behavioral Health, Border Region Behavioral Health Center will continue its operations with Starr County as a member, providing services to its residents as it has done under the existing interlocal agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should Starr County be accepted by Tropical Texas Behavioral Health, the counties of Webb, Zapata, and Jim Hogg will execute a new interlocal agreement for the continued operation of Border Region, ensuring uninterrupted services to their populations; and

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025, by the Commissioners Court of Webb County.

HON. JUDGE TANO E. TIJERINA
Webb County Judge

HON. JESSE GONZALEZ
County Commissioner, Precinct 1

HON. JOHN C. GALO
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

HON. ROSAURA “WAWI” TIJERINA
County Commissioner, Precinct 2

HON. RICARDO A. JAIME
County Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

MARGIE RAMIREZ IBARRA, County Clerk