RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE _____ AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 391.

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 authorizes counties, municipalities, or any combination thereof to create a Regional Planning Commission (hereinafter "RPC") by entering into an agreement to perform regional planning duties; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Chapter 391 is to encourage and permit local governmental units to join together to improve the health, safety, and general welfare of their residents, promote coordinated development, eliminate duplication, and foster the sound growth of their communities and region; and

WHEREAS, _____ recognizes the benefits of participating in a Regional Planning Commission to address shared challenges including, but not limited to:

- Transportation planning;
- Infrastructure development;
- Emergency management coordination;
- Land use and environmental planning;
- Economic development and workforce initiatives;
- Efficient and economical use of public funds;

WHEREAS, participation in the RPC will provide an opportunity for _____ to collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions to develop comprehensive, regionally beneficial plans while maintaining local autonomy over land use, zoning, and other governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, under Texas Local Government Code §391.003(a), counties and municipalities may formalize their intent to create such a commission through official legal means, including a resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE _____ OF THE _____, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1: Authorization to Participate
The _____ hereby authorizes the creation of and participation in a Regional Planning Commission (RPC) in accordance with Texas Local Government Code

Chapter 391.
The RPC shall be established by interlocal agreement between the participating counties and/or municipalities.

Section 2: Designation of Region
The geographic region to be served by the RPC shall include the jurisdictional territory of the participating governmental units, including their respective extraterritorial jurisdictions, and shall conform, to the extent feasible, to the state planning regions designated by the Governor of Texas pursuant to §391.003(b).

Section 3: Governance
The governing body of the RPC shall be composed in accordance with §391.006:

- At least two-thirds (2/3) of the governing body members shall be elected officials of the participating counties or municipalities.
- The size, composition, and terms of membership shall be further detailed in the interlocal agreement.

Section 4: Purpose and Powers
The RPC shall have the authority to:

- Conduct comprehensive regional planning studies;
- Prepare advisory plans for land use, transportation, environmental management, and economic development;
- Review and comment on state or federal grant applications submitted by local governments as required by §391.008;
- Contract for services, acquire property, and employ staff as authorized by §391.005;
- Exercise any other powers lawfully granted under Chapter 391.

Section 5: Funding and Costs
The RPC may receive state appropriations, federal or state grants, donations, and contributions from participating governments as permitted by §391.011.
This Resolution does not obligate _____ to specific financial contributions at this time; any future financial commitments will require separate governing body approval.

Section 6: Appointment of Representatives
The _____ hereby designates _____ as its initial representative to participate in preliminary discussions for the formation of the RPC.

Section 7: Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____***, 20***.

_____ Title:

ATTEST:

_____ Title: