

## **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE BINATIONAL TEXAS-TAMAULIPAS ECONOMIC ALLIANCE**

WHEREAS, the countries of Mexico and the United States of America bordering on the Texas – Tamaulipas border share a well defined geographic region, and

WHEREAS, the Texas – Mexico border spans four U.S. states, 48 U.S. Counties and six Mexican States; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande or Rio Bravo as it is called in Mexico serves as the dividing line of the Texas – Mexico Border; and

WHEREAS, according to figures provided by the International Boundary and Water Commission, the U.S. – Mexico border's total length is 1,951 miles; and is the most frequently crossed international border in the world, with some 350 million people crossing legally every year; and

WHEREAS, there are a total of 23 points of entry in the Texas – Mexico border, with 13 of the 23 points of entry, or 57% of all points of entry with Mexico are located in the Texas – Tamaulipas border; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau “Foreign Trade Statistics”, the United States is Mexico's largest trading partner, and Mexico is the United States second largest trading partner; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, “Foreign Trade Statistics”, the U.S. Exports to Mexico in 2005 were \$120 billion and the U.S. Imports from Mexico were over \$170 billion; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the unreleased fiscal year 2006 trade figures of exports and imports to Mexico are expected to surpass the 2005 trade figures; and

WHEREAS, the states of Texas and Tamaulipas and the respective communities in the two states and two nations have many areas of common interest including the support of private sector development between our regions, and the implementation of the articles of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and

WHEREAS, the Binational Texas-Tamaulipas Economic Alliance has identified numerous areas of mutual interest including the objectives of encouraging trade, investment, transportation, communication, health and environmental issues, educational and cultural exchange between the two geographic regions for the benefit of our citizens, and

WHEREAS, communities in Tamaulipas and in Texas are participating and supporting the efforts of the Binational Texas–Tamaulipas Economic Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Binational Texas-Tamaulipas Economic Alliance is to facilitate international cooperation and increase economic activity between Texas and Mexico, and

WHEREAS, the underlying concept of the Binational Texas-Tamaulipas Economic Alliance is the development and implementation of a strategy that leads to sustainable development and improves the quality of life for the people of both nations.

WHEREAS, the City of \_\_\_\_\_ shares a common desire to foster and encourage mutual cooperation between the two states of Texas and Tamaulipas and their respective communities,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of \_\_\_\_\_

THAT, the City of \_\_\_\_\_ wishes to foster and encourage mutual cooperation between the two states, and the two nations.

THAT the City of \_\_\_\_\_, as a participating member in the Binational Texas – Tamaulipas Economic Alliance, strongly supports the efforts of the Binational Alliance.

THAT the City of \_\_\_\_\_, pledge our strong support for the creation of working partnerships between the states to foster the evolution of economic development and infrastructure development opportunities, as well as educational and cultural exchanges.

THAT the City of \_\_\_\_\_ recognizes the value of the Binational Texas – Tamaulipas Economic Alliance and will participate in its efforts to improve the quality of life for the citizens of both states

THAT this Resolution shall be and become effective on or after adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the City Commission on the \_\_\_\_ day of January 2007.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary