

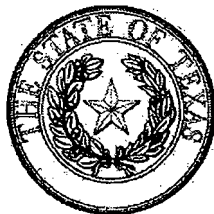
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Attached is a Resolution from the Panhandle Association of Juvenile Probation Officers.

Thank You,  
Kenneth Martindale  
President, Panhandle Association of Juvenile Probation Officers  
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of Wheeler, Hemphill, Lipscomb, and Roberts Counties.



## PANHANDLE ASSOCIATION OF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICERS



### RESOLUTION

***BE IT REMEMBERED***, at the regular meeting of the Panhandle Association of Juvenile Probation Officers on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008 on a motion made by Chief David Hagler, Hutchinson County, and seconded by Chief Sid Felan, Bailey and Parmer Counties, the following Resolution was adopted:

***WHEREAS***, the Panhandle Association of Juvenile Probation Officers is a professional association comprised of Juvenile Probation Officers representing the entire Texas Panhandle; and

***WHEREAS***, the Sunset Commission staff completed their analysis of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and the Texas Youth Commission and released their recommendations on November 11, 2008; and

***WHEREAS***, the Sunset Commission staff recommend the elimination of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and the Texas Youth Commission and creation of a new agency to be called the Texas Juvenile Justice Department; and

***WHEREAS***, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and the Texas Youth Commission have separate missions:

- Texas Juvenile Probation Commission to work with the counties to develop and oversee a local, continuum of community based services;
- Texas Youth Commission to operate institutions for the most serious offenders and provide specialized services, and

***WHEREAS***, the Sunset Commission Staff Report focuses on the management problems at the Texas Youth Commission while acknowledging numerous areas where the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission has been successful; and

***WHEREAS***, the juvenile probation services in Texas in partnership with the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission has risen to meet and even exceed the challenges of the 1995 juvenile justice reforms, including the reduction of commitments to the Texas Youth Commission; and

***WHEREAS***, the juvenile probation departments handle 95% of the juvenile justice referrals committing only 5% of the most significant offenders to the Texas Youth Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for juvenile probation services is on a statewide average, 70% local money and only 30% State money; and

**WHEREAS**, the Panhandle Association of Juvenile Probation Officers believes any savings to the State outlined in the Sunset Staff Report could be realized through effective leadership at the Texas Youth Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Panhandle Association of Juvenile Probation Officers feels that Ms. Cherie Townsend, newly appointed Executive Director of the Texas Youth Commission, has the experience, intellect, passion, and skills to provide transformational leadership to the Texas Youth Commission and should be afforded the opportunity to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, The Panhandle Association of Juvenile Probation Officers believes the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission effectively and efficiently fulfills the mandates of their assigned mission and understands the importance and value of local control; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Panhandle Association of Juvenile Probation Officers strongly opposes the recommendation of the Sunset Commission staff targeting the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission for elimination and aggressively supports the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission remaining a separate agency with oversight and in partnership with the one hundred sixty-six juvenile probation departments in Texas.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008

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W. Kenneth Martindale  
President, Panhandle Association of  
Juvenile Probation Officers  
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer of  
Wheeler, Hemphill, Lipscomb, and Roberts  
County