

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

STATE OF TEXAS



JUVENILE BOARD RESOLUTION

BE IT REMEMBERED at an emergency called meeting of the Johnson County Juvenile Board on the 11th day of December, 2008 the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission was created in 1981 and the purposes of the agency according to Chapter 141 of the Texas Human Resources Code are to:

- Make probation services available to juveniles throughout the state;
- Improve the effectiveness of juvenile probation services;
- Provide alternatives to the commitment of juveniles by providing financial aid to juvenile boards to establish and improve probation services;
- Establish uniform standards for the community-based juvenile justice system;
- Improve communications among state and local entities within the juvenile justice system; and
- Promote delinquency prevention and early intervention programs and activities for juveniles; and

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

WHEREAS, the Sunset Report is replete with findings of inadequacies of the Texas Youth Commission, while acknowledging numerous areas that the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission has been successful and citing problems mainly in the area of collaboration with Texas Youth Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Sunset Staff Report makes the recommendation to abolish the Texas Youth Commission and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and transfer their functions to a newly created Texas Juvenile Justice Department; and

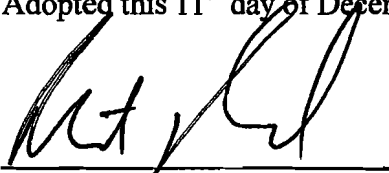
WHEREAS, the Johnson County Juvenile Board believes that the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission effectively and efficiently fulfills the mandates of their assigned mission and understands the importance and value of local control; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Juvenile Board believes any savings to the State outlined in the Sunset Staff Report could be realized through effective leadership at the Texas Youth Commission; and

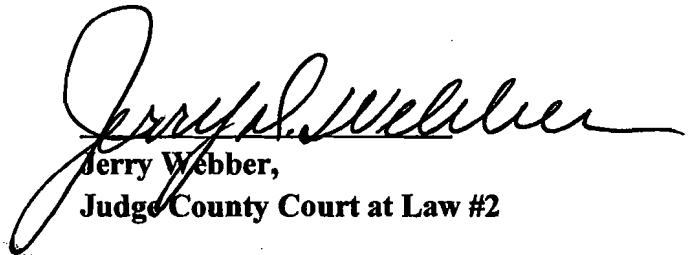
WHEREAS, the Johnson County Juvenile Board provides a full range of local services for juvenile offenders and receives only 33% of its funding from the State of Texas and oversees a juvenile department which commits only 1.1% of the referrals it receives to the Texas Youth Commission; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Juvenile Board of Johnson County strongly opposes the recommendation of the Sunset Commission staff in this regard and believes that such action would not be in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Texas nor would such action further the stated goals of the Juvenile Justice System. The Juvenile Board of Johnson County would request that the Sunset Commission reject the recommendations of the Sunset Commission staff and that the Commission members recommend to the Legislature that the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission continue to be a separate state agency.

Adopted this 11th day of December, 2008



Robert Mayfield,
Judge County Court at Law #1
Chairman of the Juvenile Board



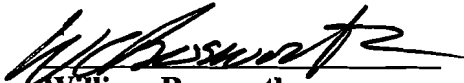
Jerry Webber,
Judge County Court at Law #2

Absent

Roger Harmon,
County Judge



John Neill,
Judge 18th District Court



William Bosworth,
Judge 413th District Court



Wayne Bridewell,
Judge 249th District Court