

STATE OF TEXAS

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

OF

COUNTY OF BREWSTER

BREWSTER COUNTY, TEXAS

RESOLUTION

**Against the Executive Order
to build a border wall in Brewster County**

Whereas, there are 192 total border miles between the U.S. and the Republic of Mexico in Brewster County;

Whereas, many of those miles are on private property;

Whereas, Texans value local control, and Brewster County has strived in the past and will continue to work to keep local control in as many processes as possible;

Whereas, the Brewster County Commissioners Court wants secure borders and believes the people who are assigned to the task, from local law enforcement and court officers to agents of the Big Bend Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol, are our best defense, and that security can be enforced through the use of technology and local resources which have already been funded;

Whereas, Brewster County considers its Mexican neighbors to be friends, and area residents and officials worked tirelessly to re-open the Boquillas Crossing after a decade-long closure following 9/11;

Whereas, Brewster County is home to Big Bend National Park, the only national park in the United States that shares a border with the Republic of Mexico;

Whereas, Brewster County's economy is largely dependent on tourists, many of whom travel here to hike and camp at Big Bend National Park, and to visit the Republic of Mexico;

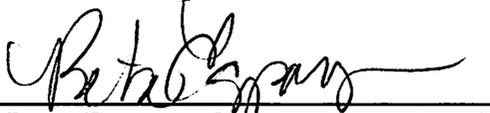
Whereas, the Big Bend area is renowned for its wildlife, and a wall would be destructive for wildlife migration patterns; and

Whereas, the southern border of Brewster County is marked by the Rio Grande, and the adjacent desert terrain is treacherous, rocky and marked by canyons, and building a wall of any kind would be a burdensome, inconceivable expense if not nearly impossible;

Now, therefore, Let It Be Resolved that on this day, the 14th of February, 2017, the Brewster County Commissioners Court expresses its opposition to a wall built at the border in our County because it is not necessary, nor will it make us safer, and urges the U.S. President and his

counterparts to re-consider, and utilize technological and human resources which can be managed from the Big Bend border with the Republic of Mexico.

Adopted by unanimous vote on the 14th day of February, 2017


Betse Esparza, Commissioner, Pct. 1


Hugh Garrett, Commissioner, Pct. 2


Eleazar R. Cano, Brewster County Judge

Ruben Ortega, Commissioner, Pct. 3


Mike Pallanez, Commissioner, Pct. 4