

[COUNTY NAME] COUNTY, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XXXX-XX

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR LEGISLATION AND REGULATION
OF THE APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS CONTAINING PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL
SUBSTANCES (PFAS),
COMMONLY KNOWN AS "FOREVER CHEMICALS"**

WHEREAS, biosolids serve as a soil amendment by providing essential nutrients and organic matter; however, their application must be carefully regulated due to the presence of potentially hazardous substances, including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS, a/k/a “Forever Chemicals”); and

WHEREAS, the application of biosolids as an alternative to conventional fertilizers has become increasingly prevalent in agricultural practices across the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, biosolids are derived from sewage sludge processed through wastewater treatment facilities, which are known by federal and state regulatory authorities to contain concentrated levels of PFAS compounds; and

WHEREAS, in January 2025, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a draft *Sewage Sludge Risk Assessment* for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid (PFOS), which identifies significant human health risks associated with the land application of biosolids containing PFAS at concentrations as low as one part per billion (1 ppb); and

WHEREAS, independent testing conducted in Johnson County, Texas, has detected unsafe levels of PFAS contamination in local water resources and animal tissue, posing a direct threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the unregulated distribution and application of biosolids contaminated with PFAS across Texas endangers the health of all residents by contaminating drinking water supplies, agricultural products, and livestock;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of [County Name] County, Texas, urges the Texas Legislature to take immediate action to review, strengthen, and enforce existing regulations and to adopt additional regulations as necessary, concerning the permitting, testing, and application of biosolids, with the specific aim of limiting PFAS concentrations to protect public health and safety, the food supply, livestock, water quality, and the integrity of Texas' natural resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Texas, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and all members of the Texas Legislature for their consideration and appropriate action.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025,
by the Commissioners Court of [County Name] County, Texas.

[SIGNATURES OF COMMISSIONERS COURT MEMBERS]