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**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature passed H.B. 3588 which gave the Texas Transportation Commission the authority to create Trans-Texas Corridors across the State of Texas.

WHEREAS, each Trans-Texas Corridor could be as much as 1,200 feet wide with multiple vehicle lanes, train transportation, and utility right-of-way within the corridor; and

WHEREAS, such a corridor in Polk County, would negatively affect rural Texas, splitting farms and ranches as well as negatively impacting county roads and emergency services within our county; and

WHEREAS, the proposed path of a Trans-Texas Corridor in Polk County has already negatively effected future sales of homes and real estate in the current study area; and

WHEREAS, we understand the need for future transportation in the State of Texas, we do not understand the necessity of such an immense project that would so negatively impact the most precious resource that this State has; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation should work closely with local residents and officials to address local mobility plans and finish projects within the existing right-of-ways; and

WHEREAS, Polk County has supported the I-69 initiative, which is designed to seek State and Federal Government assistance to transform U.S. Highway 59 into interstate status, utilizing and or expanding the existing right-of-way; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT go on record in opposition to the building of a 1,200 foot wide Trans-Texas Corridor in Polk County and supports the no action alternative for that project but does support the upgrade of US-59 to interstate standard and designating that highway as I-69.

Approved and adopted this 8th day of April 2008.

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County Judge

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Barbara Middleton

Barbara Middleton, County Clerk

