



City of Livingston, Texas

A Texas Main Street City Since 2005

200 West Church Street, Livingston, Texas 77351-3281
Telephone: (936) 327-4311 Fax: (936) 327-7608
www.cityoflivingston-tx.com

April 10, 2019

Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
Cecilia Flores, Chairperson
571 State Park Road 56
Livingston, Texas 77351

Dear Chairperson Flores:

At the regular council meeting held April 9, 2019, the City of Livingston City Council approved the proposed resolution supporting and urging the passage of Congressional Bill House Resolution (H.R.) 759, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama-Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act. A certified copy of Resolution No. 571 is enclosed for your reference.

Please call if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS

Ellie Monteaux, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary/Assistant City Manager

Enclosure (1)

RESOLUTION NO. 571

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS, SUPPORTING AND URGING THE PASSAGE OF CONGRESSIONAL BILL HOUSE RESOLUTION (H.R.) 759, THE YSLETA DEL SUR PUEBLO AND ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBES OF TEXAS EQUAL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY SETTLEMENT ACT

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in Polk County, Texas and is committed to supporting economic development and creation of jobs within Polk and surrounding counties of Deep East Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas' Naskila facility has created over 560 new jobs in Deep East Texas and is the third largest employer in the region, and is responsible for injecting nearly \$140 million annually in revenue to the region; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, being a good community partner, contributed \$500,000 in donations after Hurricane Harvey to several counties, and purchased 30 manufactured home units; and

WHEREAS, United States Congressman Brian Babin (R-Woodville) has filed H.R. 759 to clarify conflicting federal statutes regarding the right of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas to offer Class II electronic bingo on their tribal lands pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, a right enjoyed and exercised by the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas since 1996; and


WHEREAS, the passage of H.R. 759 is vital to continued economic development and health of both the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas and all Deep East Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS, that the City of Livingston, Texas hereby joins with the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas in support of its effort for passage of H.R. 759 to clarify that the Tribe can enjoy the opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and to projected jobs.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Livingston, Texas urgently requests that the United States Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz of Texas, as well as the other 35 Texans elected to the United States House of Representatives, join Congressman Babin in securing the enactment of H.R. 759 into law.

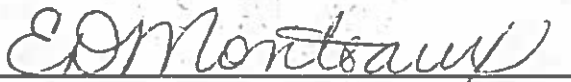
RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this the 9th day of April, 2019.

SIGNED:



Judy B. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellie Monteaux, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary/Assistant City Manager

STATE OF TEXAS

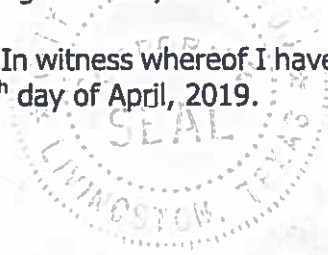
§
§
§

CERTIFICATE TO COPY OF PUBLIC RECORD

COUNTY OF POLK

I hereby certify, in the performance of the functions of my office, that the instrument to which this statement is appended, consisting of two (2) pages, is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 571, as the same appears of record in my office and that said document is an official record from the public office of the City Secretary of the City of Livingston, Polk County, State of Texas, and is kept in said office. I further certify that I am the City Secretary/Assistant City Manager of the City of Livingston, Texas, that I am a lawful possessor and keeper, and that I have legal custody of the records in said office.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said office, this 10th day of April, 2019.



ELLIE MONTEAUX, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary/Assistant City Manager
City of Livingston, Polk County, Texas