

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15



STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF COMAL

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**SUPPORTING EFFORTS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE
BRACKEN BAT CAVE AND SURROUNDING AREA**

WHEREAS, the Bracken Bat Cave ("the cave"), located in Comal County, is the summer home of the world's largest bat colony with millions of Mexican free-tailed bats living in the cave March through October; and

WHEREAS, the cave and 697 acres of surrounding land is owned and protected by Bat Conservation International; and

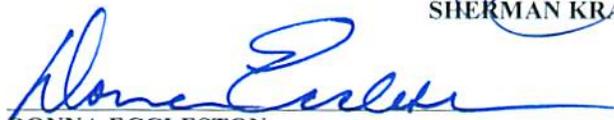
WHEREAS, conservationists are concerned about the bat colony's fate due to rapid population growth and development in Comal County and the San Antonio metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of public and private partners, including the City of San Antonio, Bat Conservation International and Texas Nature Conservancy, has been assembled to acquire an additional 1,520 acres of land south of the cave to protect the cave from development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commissioners Court of Comal County, Texas, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, hereby supports the efforts by Texas Nature Conservancy, Bat Conservation International, and the City of San Antonio to acquire, conserve, and manage in perpetuity 1,520 acres of land within the boundaries of the Edwards Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program Habitat Conservation Plan, the Comal County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan, and the Cibolo Canyonlands Habitat Conservation Plan to secure the Mexican free-tailed bat flight path for Bracken Bat Cave.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of May, 2014.


SHERMAN KRAUSE, COUNTY JUDGE


DONNA ECCLESTON
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1


SCOTT HAAG
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2


KEVIN WEBB
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3


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COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4

ATTEST: 
JOY STREATER, COUNTY CLERK

