

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE ABILENE STATE SCHOOL AND ENCOURAGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, the Abilene State School provides a vital service for treating people with profound levels of mental retardation, many of whom need expert nursing and complicated medical treatment for physical disabilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Abilene State School currently provides these services for 528 residents between the ages of 12 and 90, 50% of whom are wheelchair bound and 25% are on feeding tubes, tracheotomies and/or oxygen treatment, and many of the residents' families reside in Abilene and are able to visit them due to the close proximity of the state school; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Abilene State School currently provides laundry services and accounting services to other schools in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Abilene State School with 1,200 employees, is the city's fifth largest employer, has an annual payroll of over \$28 million, spending at least \$332,000 annually with the purchase of goods and services in the community, resulting in a total local economic impact of at least \$63 million; and,

**WHEREAS**, the closing of the Abilene State School would deal a direct economic blow upon thousands of Abilene and Taylor County residents and a lasting indirect blow upon the majority of the people of Abilene and Taylor County, both economically and emotionally; and,

**WHEREAS**, the infrastructure, including 24 newly renovated dorms has a 662 certified bed capacity, a 30-bed infirmary, pharmacy, 66 support and activity buildings, a chapel, a lodge, a park, swimming pool, pavilion and cinema, would have a very limited market for reuse; now, therefore,

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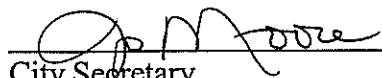
**PART 1:** That Council supports the perpetuation of the Abilene State School as an utmost integral part of the Abilene and Taylor County community; and further supports it being a campus where consolidation can be accomplished due to its existing infrastructure and increased residential capacity regardless of physical or mental conditions, said consolidation capable of occurring within 60 days.

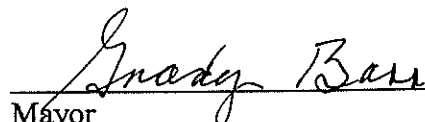
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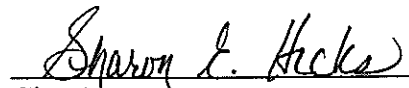
**ADOPTED** this 10 day of April, A.D. 2003.

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Mayor

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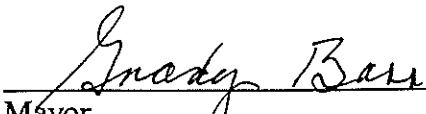
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