

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2003

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, ENCOURAGING ITS STATE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS TO OPPOSE A REDISTRICTING PLAN THAT DILUTES REPRESENTATION OF WEST TEXAS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene is committed to seeing that West Texas Congressional Districts fairly represent the views of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene encourages the Texas Legislature to recognize that the West Central Texas region/cities share[s] unique geographical, water, and economic interests; and,

WHEREAS, the cities of West Texas specifically share common interests in the areas of agriculture, ranching, oil and gas, water resources, higher education, western heritage, transportation, and our nation's defenses; and,

WHEREAS, leaving the West Texas Districts as they currently exist promotes the continued survival of this region and these interests, thereby reducing any potential disparate impact on the citizens of this region; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene opposes any redistricting that dilutes the West Texas regions; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

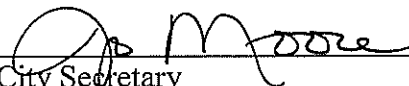
PART 1: That the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, encourages its legislative representatives to oppose any redistricting measure that dilutes West Texas representation.

PART 2: That the City of Abilene supports leaving the district boundaries as they currently exist.

PART 3: That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

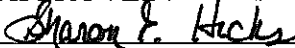
ADOPTED this 24 day of July, A.D. 2003.

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary

  
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Mayor

APPROVED:

  
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City Attorney