

CITY OF HUMBLE

RESOLUTION NO. 20-819

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE SAN JACINTO RIVER AUTHORITY'S SEASONAL LOWERING OF LAKE CONROE TO PREVENT DOWNSTREAM FLOODING.

WHEREAS, in the last four years, the City of Humble and the surrounding Lake Houston Area have experienced several significant flooding events due to the rise of the San Jacinto River causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damages to both homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, in March 2018, Governor Abbott directed the San Jacinto River Authority to identify and implement both immediate and long-term strategies, policies and procedures that would reduce the threat and impact of flood events along the West Fork of the San Jacinto River; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Governor's directive and in an effort to prevent downstream flooding during significant rain events, the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) has adopted a strategy of lowering the level of Lake Conroe by one (1) foot to 200' mean sea level in April and May of each year and by two (2) feet to 199' mean sea level in August and September of each year; and

WHEREAS, analysis from the SJRA's own data has proven the reduction of the water level at Lake Conroe during these times to reduce the threat and incidence of downstream flooding that would otherwise endanger life and property downstream; and

WHEREAS, the seasonal lowering of Lake Conroe is a temporary yet vital part of a multi-faceted approach to reduce the threat and occurrence of flooding while the area awaits completion of the Lake Houston Gate Project among other local measures and projects; and

WHEREAS, the SJRA has a legal and moral responsibility to protect the lives and property of communities and businesses along the San Jacinto River downstream of Lake Conroe, and through the SJRA's decisive actions to lower the pool level at Lake Conroe they have fulfilled those responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the SJRA is scheduled to consider whether or not to continue the seasonal lowering of Lake Conroe at its February meeting; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUMBLE TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1: The City of Humble hereby supports the SJRA's strategy of temporarily and seasonally lowering Lake Conroe to reduce the threat of and prevent downstream flooding along the San Jacinto River and urges the SJRA and its members to vote in favor of this important measure in the interest of protecting lives and property.

SECTION 2: The City Secretary is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the governing body of the SJRA, to the Governor of the State of Texas, to the

interested agencies of the State of Texas and to the Montgomery and Harris County delegations of the Texas State Legislature.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED this the 23rd day of January, 2020.

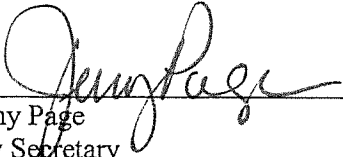
APPROVED:



Merle Aaron

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenny Page
City Secretary

