

City of Cottonwood Shores

RESOLUTION 694

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CITIZENS FOR SCENIC TEXAS HIGHWAYS
2016/2017 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT.
CENTRAL TEXAS GATEWAY TO THE HILL COUNTRY AND HIGHLAND LAKES
BURNET COUNTY - TEXAS HIGHWAY 281 AND 71 INTERSECTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Cottonwood Shores, incorporated in 1987, population in excess of 1,200, is located within Burnet County Texas which is one of twenty-five counties Texas Parks and Wildlife has defined as the Counties of Texas Hill Country.

WHEREAS, the City of Cottonwood Shores is linked to international, national and state highway systems which intersect in Burnet County via Texas Highway 281 (North and Southbound), Texas Highway 71 (East and West Bound).

WHEREAS, the intersection of Texas Highways 281 and Highway 71 serves as a Central Texas threshold to Hill Country counties from major population centers North, East, and South of the region and serves as the major traffic thoroughfare for commuters, tourists and business transportation all vital to the economies of Hill Country communities in the region and is a major access route for all travelers to the City of Cottonwood Shores.

WHEREAS, the City of Cottonwood Shores and all Hill Country region communities, depend on the major economic contribution of seasonal wildflower hunting and Highland Lake resort recreational activities which attracts thousands annually to all communities within the multi-county Hill Country region.

WHEREAS, the TXDOT highway intersection of median, easement and cloverleaf section comprise approximately 1,306,800 square feet (30 acres) of grassy areas and native tree clusters.

WHEREAS, a citizen volunteer effort proposed a highway beautification project to TXDOT in October 2015 to include (Phase 1) vegetation management – tree trimming, underbrush removal, brush and dead growth removal to allow highlight of stately native trees, and (Phase 2) abundant wildflower seeding in Fall 2016 and Fall of 2017.

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this citizen proposed beautification project, this state highway intersection is hereby designated the **Central Texas - Gateway to the Hill Country**.

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Burnet and Johnson City Districts in Burnet and Blanco Counties, who have full jurisdiction on the management and maintenance of State Highways 281 and 71, are petitioned to support this beautification project

WHEREAS, TXDOT, Johnson City District, Blanco County, elected in January 2016 to initiate Phase 1, vegetation management, to be continued to completion as TXDOT manpower and equipment schedules allow.

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WHEREAS, under the terms of a TXDOT Landscape Partnership agreement, the volunteer citizen group, hereby known as **Citizens for Scenic Texas Highways** will as “DONOR” raise funds from individuals, businesses and major employers in the region to purchase wildflower seed mixes to include Bluebonnet, Indian Paint Brush and Indian Blanket wildflowers.

WHEREAS, DONOR will purchase wildflower seed mixes to be delivered to TXDOT for planting by TXDOT maintenance crews in Fall of 2016 and Fall F017 to assure years of seasonal abundant displays of wildflower color in medians, easements and cloverleaf sections this state highway intersection.


WHEREAS, the Central Texas - Gateway to the Hill Country Beautification Project will enhance the region and serve as a welcome to thousands of commuters and tourists who travel these roadways and make a critical contribution to the economic base of the multi county Hill Country region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Cottonwood Shores, Burnet County supports the Central Texas – Gateway to the Hill Country Beautification Project and encourages TXDOT to support and facilitate its implementation to completion. Citizens of the City Cottonwood Shores are encouraged to support this and all state and county agendas that assure safe and beautiful roadways.

OPEN MEETING:

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting, at which this resolution was passed, was open to the public, as required, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

PASSED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2017, AT A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD SHORES, TEXAS, THERE BEING A QUORUM PRESENT, BY 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS AND 0 ABSTAINS.


Donald Orr, Mayor



Attest:


Sheila C. Moore
City Administrator/City Secretary