

**Resolution of the Corpus Christi City Council supporting open beaches and opposing any legislation, administrative action, or executive action that may directly or indirectly limit the public's right of access and open enjoyment of public beaches, including vehicular access.**

**Whereas**, public beaches are recognized as a resource of the State of Texas to which the public is entitled to have access and maintained;

**Whereas**, for purposes of the statutory provisions about the use and maintenance of public beaches, the term "public beach" generally means any beach area, whether publicly or privately owned, extending inland from the line of mean low tide to the line of vegetation bordering on the Gulf of Mexico to which the public has acquired the right of use or easement to or over the area by prescription, dedication or presumption, or has retained a right by virtue of continuous right in public since time immemorial as recognized in law and custom;

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 2550 eliminates the consideration of the effect of the meteorological event on the location of the public beach easement when determining the line of vegetation and eliminates the prima facie presumption regarding the GLO commissioner's determination of the line of vegetation, which may result in a decrease in the width of public beach access easement in specific locations; and

**Whereas**, Padre Island National Seashore is considering developing a Beach Management Plan and is in the planning process;

**Whereas**, an item for consideration for the Beach Management Plan is Beach Driving; and

**Whereas**, only one portion of the Padre Island National Seashore park's beach is currently closed to driving, and that is Closed Beach, with such park being Malaquite Beach.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORPUS CHRISTI CITY COUNCIL THAT:**

**Section 1.** The City Council supports open beaches, including vehicular access.

**Section 2.** At a state level, the City Council opposes Senate Bill 2550 or other legislation, administrative action, or executive action that could directly or indirectly limit the public's right to access and open enjoyment of public beaches, including vehicular access.

**Section 3.** At a state level, the City Council opposes Senate Bill 2550 or other legislation, administrative action, or executive action that could directly or indirectly reduce the State's or local government's ability to protect the public's right to access and enjoy public beaches, including vehicular access.

**Section 4.** At a federal level, the City Council opposes any Beach Management Plan or legislation, administrative action, or executive action that could directly or indirectly limit the public's right to access and open enjoyment of public beaches, including vehicular access.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023:

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ATTEST:

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Rebecca Huerta  
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