COUNTY OF HARRIS
STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION

Whereas, *On March 19, 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency placed the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site on the National Priorities List marking the beginning of several steps in the clean-up; and*

Whereas, *the Site, is located in a marsh partially submerged on the western bank of the San Jacinto River in Harris County, Texas, immediately north of the Interstate Highway 10 bridge over the San Jacinto River; and*

Whereas, *exposures to dioxins can cause a number of adverse health effects in humans, including cancer, skin disorders, severe reproductive and developmental problems, and damage to the immune system and interfere with hormonal systems. Dioxin continued to leak out into the waterways from the waste pits impacting those who eat fish and crab near the site as well as those downstream all the way to Galveston Bay; and*

Whereas, *the Environmental Protection Agency has identified two responsible parties to conduct a long-term remedial investigation and feasibility study of the site to understand the nature and extent of the contamination and to remediate the site; and*

Whereas, *Harris County identified the Site as a location that needed immediate attention because of the continuing discharge of dioxin into wide-reaching waterways and its enormous adverse impact on the environment and public health. Working collaboratively, the Environmental Protection Agency in conjunction with Harris County and stakeholders implemented a short-term action to contain the continuous discharge of dioxin into the waterways which includes building a temporary physical protective barrier over the waste site that could last for 7-10 years; and*

Whereas, *the following entities have been involved in the Site cleanup coordination and process: the Harris County Attorney and staff; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Texas Department of Transportation; Texas Department of Health State Services; Federal and State Natural Resource Trustees: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas General Land Office, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation; International Paper Company; Anchor QEA, LLC; Houston-Galveston Area Council; Galveston Bay Foundation; Port of Houston Authority; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services; Harris County Public Infrastructure Department; Harris County Pollution Control Services; and Harris County Precinct 2; and*

BE IT RESOLVED, *that Harris County Commissioners Court hereby offers this resolution as demonstrated by our official signatures below recognizing the hundreds of individuals, organizations, government agencies and elected officials who have worked tirelessly and against all odds to make significant progress in*

THE CLEANUP OF THE SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS SUPERFUND SITE

It is hereby **ORDERED** *that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 12th day of July, 2011.*

ED EMMETT, COUNTY JUDGE

EL FRANCO LEE, PRECINCT 1

JACK MORMAN, PRECINCT 2

STEVE RADACK, PRECINCT 3

JERRY EVERSOLE, PRECINCT 4

ATTEST:

OLGA Z. MAUZY, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK