

## **County of Burnet Resolution**

### **Automobile Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority**

**WHEREAS**, The Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force is multi-county law enforcement agency that is funded by a grant made available by the Texas Automobile Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority.

**WHEREAS**, The Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force performs investigations and public awareness related to the theft of motor vehicles.

**WHEREAS**, The Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force performs 68-A inspections on vehicles and trailers in which there are questions about the validity of the vehicle identification number.

**WHEREAS**, The Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force has recovered more than 900 vehicles valued at more than \$9 million dollars.

**WHEREAS**, the 82<sup>nd</sup> session of the Texas Legislature has recommended zero funding for the Automobile Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority.

**WHEREAS**, funding for the Automobile Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority is received from a one dollar assessment on each vehicle insurance policy, allowing the program to receive funding without costing the State of Texas any tax dollars.

**WHEREAS**, The lack of funding to the Automobile Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority would require the services performed by the Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force be tasked to the local law enforcement agencies within Burnet County and require local residents unnecessary travel, for a 68-A inspection, where an organized Auto Theft Unit will remain in larger departments such as Austin or San Antonio.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

The County of Burnet:

- 1) Requests that the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature Regular Session restore funding to the Automobile Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority.
- 2) Requests that the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature Regular Session dedicate all funds received, for the purposes of combating auto theft and reducing the number of stolen vehicles, to the Automobile Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority for the purposes intended.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011 by the Burnet County Commissioner's Court.


  
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Judge Donna Klæger

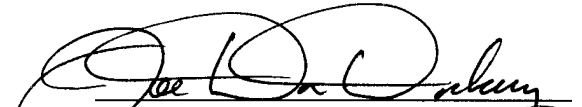


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