



STATE OF TEXAS           §

COUNTY OF COMAL       §

**RESOLUTION #2009-06  
OPPOSITION TO UNFUNDED MANDATES**

WHEREAS, Texas counties are responsible for the operation and management of many and various governmental services and programs as required and authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, Some county programs are fully or partially supported with funds disbursed by the State of Texas through the state appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas, acting through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, may enact laws or promulgate rules that impose mandatory financial obligations and expenditures upon Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, During each regular session of the Texas Legislature, all state funds that support county programs are reviewed through the state appropriation process and by other state budgetary review systems; and

WHEREAS, The review process may result in a reduction, or cessation, of state financial support of county government programs causing an unforeseeable disruption and reduction of the county budget and operations; and

WHEREAS, Texas counties cannot achieve reliable financial planning and the necessary bond ratings sufficient to support county-related obligations when the state mandates a new program that is not fully funded or under conditions where the state reduces or fully withdraws prior funding and disbursement for county government programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commissioners Court of Comal County, Texas, declare it is in the best interest of Texas counties and their taxpayers to support and favor the passage of legislation, including an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, that would expressly prohibit the imposition of a mandatory governmental program on Texas counties, whether by an act of the Texas Legislature or a state agency or by executive order, unless the State of Texas has fully funded and disbursed all necessary funds to enable Texas counties to operate said governmental program.

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Danny Scheel, County Judge

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. Joy Streater, County Clerk