

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE  
FREDERICKSBURG CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU**

WHEREAS, tourism to Gillespie County generated an estimated \$66,000,000 in direct spending in 2006; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1,000 jobs in Gillespie County were directly related to the tourism industry in 2006; and

WHEREAS, almost every resident of Gillespie County benefits from the economic impact of the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, visitors from major metropolitan areas across the State of Texas view the Texas Hill Country, including Gillespie County, as a place to retreat from the urban, industrial built environment; and

WHEREAS, Gillespie County is a fly zone for an estimated 1.5 to 2 million Mexican free tail bats which make their summer home at the Old Tunnel Wildlife Management Area, a major attraction for ecotourism to Kendall and Gillespie County; and

WHEREAS, the construction of industrial wind farms will alter the natural beauty of Gillespie County and the Texas Hill Country, affecting the scenic retreat of millions of Texans and visitors from across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the construction of industrial wind farms may be in direct view from Enchanted Rock State Natural Area in Gillespie and Llano Counties, a national historic site and a highly acclaimed rock climbing venue for the southwestern part of the United States; and

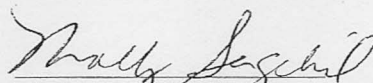
WHEREAS, the construction of industrial wind farms will affect the Mexican free tail bat colony at the Old Tunnel Wildlife Management Area as well as bird species and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the construction of industrial wind farms could ultimately lead to a decline in tourism to Gillespie County and the Texas Hill Country;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE FREDERICKSBURG CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU:

The Board of the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau respects the rights of individual property owners and realizes the need for alternative energy sources. However, due to the high potential risks for the economy of Gillespie County as a whole, the Board opposes the construction of industrial wind farms in Gillespie County.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2007.

  
Molly Sagebiel, Secretary