

**RESOLUTION**  
**APPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO**  
**A REGIONAL PARK IN GRIMES COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Brazos Valley Council of Governments is a regional planning commission organized under provisions of Chapter 570, Acts, 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session 1965 (codified as Article 1011m, V.T.C.S.), is given area-wide planning responsibility for Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Municipal Power Agency is willing to dispose of approximately 10,000 acres of land located 2.5 miles east of Carlos, Texas, on FM244 in western Grimes County, in stages between 2005 and 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brazos Valley Council of Governments Board of Directors directed that a working group be established to research the potential development of a major regional, nature-based park on property owned by Texas Municipal Power Agency in Grimes County; and

**WHEREAS**, the working group vision study, "*Preserving Today for Tomorrow*" found the regional park concept to be a highly beneficial use for the property and reported that the Texas Municipal Power Agency is receptive to the concept; and

**WHEREAS**, the population of the Brazos Valley is expected to grow by an estimated 43% to around 370,000 by the year 2040, while the Greater Houston area is projected to double its population to 8.5 million during this same period thus creating a need for extensive additional recreational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, such a regional park would be an investment in the region's future economic well-being due to increased spending by out-of-town visitors and because businesses and residents consider quality of life a major factor when choosing to area to relocate there; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BRAZOS VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

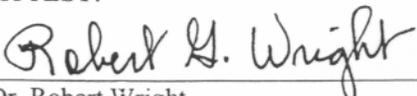
1. Acknowledges and accepts the document entitled "*Preserving Today for Tomorrow*" and thanks those in the working group for their efforts.
2. Pledges its support to the acquisition of this property as a regional park, and supports The Trust for Public Land negotiating with the Texas Municipal Power Agency Board to determine a purchase price and a time period during which efforts would be made to raise the necessary funds to acquire the first 3,000 acres of the property, which are likely to become available in 2005.
3. Approves the formation of an advisory board, consisting of appointed representatives from counties and cities within the Brazos Valley Region.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2003**



Mr. Don Strickland  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

  
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Dr. Robert Wright  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman