## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1129003**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOSQUE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ELECTING TO PARTICIAPTE IN THE REGIONAL HEART OF TEXAS SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART) AND SELECTING NOMINEES TO SERVE AS MEMBERS

WHEREAS, in the interest of establishing processes for investigating and prosecuting sexual assaults through a client-centered and trauma-informed approach, the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 351, Subchapter J, Section 351.252 mandates the Commissioners Court establish an adult Sexual Assault Response Team;

WHEREAS, the adult Sexual Assault Response Team is intended to consist of experts to improve practice in the investigation and prosecution of sexual assaults while also prioritizing the health and safety of survivors, the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 351, Subchapter J, Section 351.252 mandates the Commissioners Court appoint key members to the Sexual Assault Response Team;

WHEREAS, understanding the unique nature of rural counties and the availability of resources in these areas to respond to Sexual Assault cases, the Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 351, Subchapter J, Section 351.252 allows two or more counties, each with a population of 250,000 or less within a contiguous area to partner to form a multi-county response team:

WHEREAS, the Heart of Texas Council of Governments in it's mission to improve regional cooperation to improve the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of it's six county area is creating the Heart of Texas Sexual Assault Response Team under it's existing Criminal Justice programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** Bosque County exercises it's right to partner with other counties in the region by participating in the Heart of Texas Sexual Assault Response Team;

**FUTHERMORE**, the following persons are hereby appointed by the Bosque County Commissioners Court to serve on the Heart of Texas Sexual Assault Response Team representing Bosque County.

Mandated Discipline	Agency	Position / Title	Name
Prosecutor	District Attorney	District Attorney	
Sexual Assault Program	Advocacy Center	Executive Director	Barbara Wright
County Sheriff	Sheriff's Office	Investigator	
Police Chief (Largest City LEA)		Clifton Police Chief	
SANE / Forensic Examiner / Largest Healthcare Provider	Advocacy Center	SANE Coordinator	Mickie Dye
Mental / Behavioral Health	HOT-MHMR		

DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by Bosque County Commissioners Court on this the 29th day of November, 2021.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWING

Cindy Vanlandingham

**Bosque County Judge** 

Billy Hall

County Commissioner, Pct 1

Larry Philipp

County Commissioner, Pct 3

Terry Townley

County Commissioner, Pct 2

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ATTEST:

Tabatha Ferguson County Clerk