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COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Resolution No. 2025-03

The Rio Grande Valley Water Management Resolution

A resolution supporting conservative-led initiatives for sustainable water management in the Rio Grande Valley to ensure reliable access to water resources for communities, agriculture, and future generations in Texas.

WHEREAS, the Texas College Republicans is a united organization of conservative students committed to shaping the future of Texas and our nation by fostering leadership, personal responsibility, and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Valley, comprising Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy Counties, is home to over 1.4 million residents and a vital agricultural industry that relies heavily on the Rio Grande for water resources; and

WHEREAS, under the 1944 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty, Mexico is obligated to deliver water to the United States, but recent cycles have fallen short, creating water deficits that impact Texas farmers, municipalities, and regional water supplies (Reuters, 2025); and

WHEREAS, prolonged droughts and climate variability have further strained water availability in the region, while aging infrastructure contributes to inefficiencies and water losses (Houston Chronicle, 2025); and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, under Republican leadership, has committed significant resources, including a \$20 billion investment plan, to repair and modernize water infrastructure, explore new water sources, and promote conservative, market-driven solutions such as desalination and private-sector partnerships; and

HAVING SEEN THAT, conservative-led water management is essential for supporting the Rio Grande Valley's communities, agriculture, and economy, while also promoting self-reliance, innovation, and fiscal responsibility; and

HAVING FURTHER SEEN THAT, enforcing the 1944 Water Treaty, holding international partners accountable, and investing in local infrastructure aligns with the principles of effective governance, rule of law, and practical problem-solving championed by the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, responsible water stewardship reflects the values of leadership, personal responsibility, and public service championed by the Texas College Republicans;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the Texas College Republicans formally support sustainable, conservative-led water management initiatives in the Rio Grande Valley, recognizing the importance of reliable water access for residents, agriculture, and the regional economy; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the organization encourages collaboration among Texas, federal agencies, local municipalities, and international partners to enforce treaty obligations, implement market-driven solutions, modernize infrastructure, and promote conservation; and

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, this resolution shall serve as an affirmation of the Texas College Republicans' ongoing commitment to promoting responsible water stewardship, conservative leadership, and long-term sustainability in the Rio Grande Valley.

Presented to Texas College Republicans:

Referred to Committee: State College Republican Executive Committee (SCREC)

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