

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
TEXAS HIGH-SPEED RAIL

WHEREAS, The North Houston District (District) works to ensure economic prosperity for its businesses and an exceptional quality of life for its employees and residents;

WHEREAS, The District advocates for the North Houston District area, partnering with public and private sectors to attract quality growth and development by providing services and amenities that enhance property values and its attractiveness as a place to live, work, visit or invest;

WHEREAS, The District recognizes that a strong transportation system is fundamental to the region's quality of life and economic vitality;

WHEREAS, Populations are projected to double in the Houston and North Texas regions over the next 20 years, and travel time between them is expected to increase from approximately 4 to 6.5 hours;

WHEREAS, The train, utilizing the safest and most reliable high-speed rail technology in the world, will travel between Houston and North Texas in 90 minutes; will help alleviate congestion and accidents on I-45; and help Texans reduce their carbon footprint;

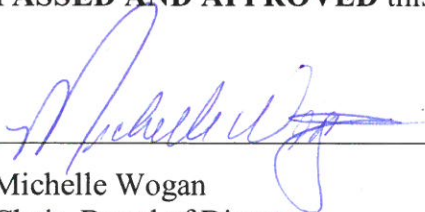
WHEREAS, The high-speed rail project will be privately developed, not competing for the state's limited transportation dollars;

WHEREAS, The project is projected to generate a direct impact of \$36 billion to the Texas economy over the next 25 years, creating 10,000 full-time construction jobs each year during the anticipated four-year construction period and 1,000 full-time jobs after the system goes into service; and

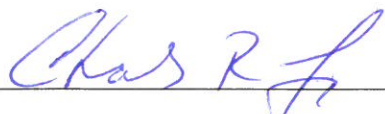
WHEREAS, Taxing entities along the proposed route are projected to receive an estimated \$2.5 billion from Texas Central over 25 years; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the North Houston District is pleased to endorse the high-speed train project because it provides a safe, reliable and efficient transportation alternative for those traveling between the growing Houston and North Texas regions.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of December 2016.



Michelle Wogan
Chair, Board of Directors
North Houston District



Secretary or Assistant Secretary
Board of Directors
North Houston District