

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-2023
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY CITY COUNCIL
EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF A PUBLIC/PARKS USE FOR THE TEXAS STATE
UNIVERSITY CAMP**

WHEREAS, the City Council unanimously extends its support for preserving the Texas State University Camp for public and educational park space; and

WHEREAS, the 125.73-acre site along the Blanco River adjacent to Wimberley has been used by the faculty and students since 1951 when it was donated "...unto the State of Texas for the use and benefit of Southwest Texas State Teachers College the following described land to be used for camp site, recreational and other character building purposes, situated in Hays County, Texas ..." and

WHEREAS, the property sits on the Edwards Plateau ecoregion, is important in the Edwards and Trinity Aquifer recharge areas, boasts significant wildlife habitats and biodiversity, and is an integral component of a patchwork of conservation and outdoor recreation lands in the Wimberley Valley; and


WHEREAS, since 1951, the site has been used as originally intended as an environmentally pristine gathering place for University staff and students, it also has served an important function as an accessible field site for research and ongoing study by the University to educate teachers and scientists and to encourage young people on the value of environmental preservation; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions continue to plague the Texas Hill Country and ground water supplies are reaching dangerously low levels; any risk of further development and water depletion must be averted; and

WHEREAS, a park, to provide recreational water access to the public and continued natural and educational opportunities, is the highest and best use of this special property.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Wimberley City Council supports maintaining and protecting this property as the park-like open space that it has been for more than a century and ensuring that it continues to be an educational resource that can be appreciated by the public for generations to come.


PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of November, 2023



Gina Fulkerson, Mayor



Rebecca Minnick, Place 2




Teresa Shell, Place 2



Chris Sheffield, Place 3

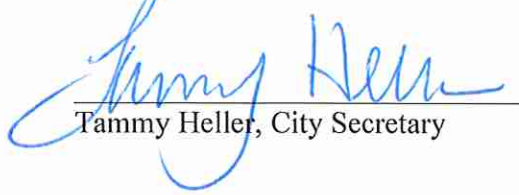


Jim Chiles, Place 4



David Cohen, Place 5

ATTEST:



Tammy Heller, City Secretary

