

STATE OF TEXAS

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR TEXAS HOUSE BILL 4997 WHICH WOULD ADD A TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE CAMPUS, OPERATING AS A COLLECTIVE UNIT OF ONE OR MORE LOCATIONS IN COMAL COUNTY AND GUADALUPE COUNTY

WHEREAS, our workforce is the foundation of our regional economy and vitally important to our future prosperity; and

WHEREAS, our current workforce faces significant challenges accessing the technical trade training they need to grow their careers; and

WHEREAS, a well-trained and well-educated workforce is critical to the success of businesses, industries, and communities; and

WHEREAS, strong workforce training options reduce poverty, help people advance their careers, and help people provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, Texas State Technical College (TSTC) is a premier provider of degrees and certifications in technical skills and trades; and

WHEREAS, a group of area manufacturers created a chapter of Texas Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (TXFAME), and selected TSTC as its educational provider; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seguin recognizes that the workforce development opportunities and certifications provided through TSTC is warranted to have entered into a beneficial lease arrangement of a City facility to provide the training; and

WHEREAS, the Seguin Economic Development Corporation, as recommended by its Board of Directors and approved by the City Council, provided up to \$980,940.69 to support TSTC in the establishment of the TXFAME program Advanced Manufacturing Technician program at the Central Texas Technology Center (CTTC) in New Braunfels, Texas; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been proposed that would allow TSTC to operate by right in Guadalupe and Comal counties and expand the educational opportunities for Seguin residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Seguin hereby expresses its support for House Bill 4997, which would add a campus that operates as a collective unit of one or more locations in Comal County and Guadalupe County to the TSTC charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Seguin encourages all members to support this important legislation and work to ensure its swift passage into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Seguin urges all relevant house and senate committees to take all necessary steps to review this legislation in a timely and effective manner.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative John Kuempel, Senator Donna Campbell, Senator Roland Gutierrez, Senator Judith Zaffirini, and other appropriate government officials, as well as to the media and interested organizations and individuals.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED at an open meeting properly posted and conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on this, the 4th day of April, 2023.

CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS

Donna Dodgen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Naomi Manski, City Secretary