

TEXAS FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO REMOVING LOCAL FIREWORKS REGULATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature, in its 86th Session, is considering proposals to add additional fireworks seasons during which retailers and jobbers can sell fireworks without a local order; and

WHEREAS, risk of property damage, injury and wildfire increases during fireworks use and sale periods. The addition of new fireworks sale seasons endangers the health, safety and welfare of Texans; and

WHEREAS, local officials are best equipped to determine regulations for use and sale of fireworks in their communities, and

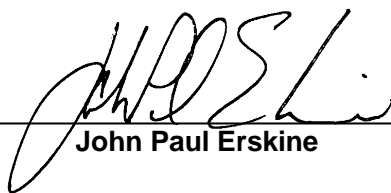
WHEREAS, local regulations are necessary to protect life and property, and

WHEREAS, local officials can best determine the weather and fire risk status for their communities, and

WHEREAS, local governments are responsible for providing emergency services and without an increase in state funding to offset the growth in public safety responses resulting from a longer fireworks seasons, the state passes effectually passes the tax burden to local entities without means to recuperate funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Texas Fire Marshals' Association is opposed to any and all legislative actions that would remove the authority to regulate fireworks use and sale from local officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be read into the permanent minutes of the Texas Fire Marshals' Association and copies sent to the office of Representative Garnet Coleman, the County Affairs committee and the State Fire Marshal's Office of the State of Texas.



John Paul Erskine

TFMA President

Title

4/15/19

Date