

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER GARY FICKES

WHEREAS, Commissioner Gary Fickes has dedicated 18 years of his life to serve as Tarrant County Commissioner of Precinct 3, offering steadfast leadership to the people of Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Commissioner Fickes has been a devoted advocate to the residents of Tarrant County, consistently working to improve the quality of life for those he serves; and

WHEREAS, before becoming a County Commissioner, Commissioner Fickes served as Mayor of the City of Southlake from 1989 to 1996, where his leadership played a pivotal role in the creation of Southlake Town Square and the economic boon that followed; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fickes has demonstrated outstanding leadership in his collaboration with various municipalities within Precinct 3, notably his role in the DFW Connector Project, a transformative effort that improved connectivity across seven major highways and became the highest funded transportation project in the nation; and

WHEREAS, during his service, Commissioner Fickes founded the Tarrant Transportation Summit, the largest transportation related event in North Texas, providing valuable updates and education to the public, businesses, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fickes has prioritized providing resources and information to the senior community through the formation of the Empowering Seniors Expo, a lifestyle and wellness Expo for seniors and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fickes has served as the Chairman of the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition, Chairman of the Regional Transportation Council, Chairman of the Public Employee Benefits Cooperative, Member of NACo Large Urban County Caucus, and as Vice-Chairman of the NACo Transportation Steering Committee. Commissioner Fickes has been a longtime Member of the Lions Club, a Rotarian, and served on many other boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, as Commissioner Fickes prepares for his well-deserved retirement on December 31, 2024, he will do so alongside his wife, Kathy, children, and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is with profound gratitude that we acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of Commissioner Fickes, whose leadership has shaped Tarrant County in lasting ways.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, hereby recognize Commissioner Fickes for the past three decades of exemplary service to the citizens of Tarrant County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands to be affixed this 17th day of December 2024.