RESOLUTION No. 2016-201 CITY OF SHOREACRES

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES REQUESTING THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO MODIFY EXISTING STATUTE AND ALLOW GENERAL-LAW MUNICIPALITIES THE AUTHORITY TO PASS ORDINANCES CREATING SAFE ZONES PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS.

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WHEREAS, General-Law municipalities in Texas do not have statutory authority to create safe zones around gathering places for children to protect them from registered sex offenders; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreacres has a responsibility to promote a safe environment for children at or near schools, daycare centers, and other places children gather; and,

WHEREAS, Home-Rule municipalities already have the freedom to implement safety zones protecting children from convicted sex offenders within an established distance from areas children regularly congregate, and many have chosen to do so; and,

WHEREAS, current Texas statute impedes the ability of General-Law municipalities to promote, protect and improve the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES, TEXAS, THAT:

The City of Shoreacres requests the 85th Regular Legislature of the State of Texas to pass a bill allowing General-Law municipalities the freedom to create safety zones around areas children gather in order to protect our youth from registered sex offenders.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 22nd day of August, 2016.

ATTEST:	By: Kimberly Sanford, Mayor					
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