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RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS,** *Isabel Longoria took office as the first Elections Administrator of Harris County on November 18, 2020; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Isabel Longoria is a member of the Houston GLBT Political Caucus and a member of the Harris County LGBTQIA+ community who has made profound and lasting contributions to both the organization and the community through her work, activism, and character; and*
- WHEREAS,** *members of the LGBTQIA+ community disproportionately face difficulty when attempting to vote due to factors including hardships finding time to vote due to economic disparities, complications stemming from housing instability, and, particularly for transgender and nonbinary individuals, difficulties with burdensome voter identification laws; and*
- WHEREAS,** *in addition to the issues cited above, members of the LGBTQIA+ community in Harris County and the surrounding area faced an increased threat to their enfranchisement in the November 3, 2020 election due to legal actions to suppress the vote attempted by the likes of Steven Hotze, Harris County Republican Party leadership and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the Houston GLBT Political Caucus, in its mission to empower and amplify the voice of the LGBTQIA+ community, has a direct and strong interest in professional and skilled elections administration that seeks to actively increase voter participation and reduce barriers to voting; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Isabel Longoria's professional and personal background demonstrates her commitment, talent, and ability to engage with a diverse electorate and effectively encourage voter participation, including her significant role in the planning and execution of the November 3, 2020 election, which featured the highest participation of a Harris County election in history despite unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Attorney General Paxton has, since her appointment, issued a spurious opinion making vague threats to invalidate Isabel Longoria's appointment on specious legal grounds, demonstrating the fear of those who benefit from voter suppression and the resulting need for vigilance and action from proponents of free and fair elections;*



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BE IT RESOLVED, *the Houston GLBT Political Caucus congratulates Isabel Longoria on her historic appointment as Harris County Elections Administrator, and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *the Houston GLBT Political Caucus offers its support of Isabel Longoria in this role and repudiates the voter suppression efforts of Attorney General Paxton and his allies.*

ADOPTED *this 3rd day of December, 2020.*

Jovon Alfon B. Tyler
President