



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026.012**  
**HUDSPETH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BORDER SECURITY AND ADVOCATING FOR**  
**LOCAL LANDOWNER AND AGRICULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS IN BORDER**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE**

**WHEREAS**, Hudspeth County lies along approximately 95 miles of the Texas–Mexico border and is directly impacted by illegal immigration, drug trafficking, human trafficking, and related threats to public safety and property; and

**WHEREAS**, residents, landowners, and law enforcement face ongoing impacts from unlawful crossings, including damage to homes, farms, fences, and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture and ranching are foundational to the economy, heritage, and daily life of Hudspeth County, with multigenerational operations dependent on access to land and Rio Grande water; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions make effective border security necessary to protect life, property, and economic stability; and

**WHEREAS**, most residents support physical border infrastructure in populated and high-impact areas where unlawful crossings and criminal activity are concentrated; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed border wall alignments in remote ranching areas are restricting access to rare grazing lands and Rio Grande water essential to ongoing operations and are resulting in unintended consequences for Texas landowners, including loss of access, disruption of longstanding practices, and impacts to natural resources such as the Indian Hot Springs; and

**WHEREAS**, any infrastructure that places privately owned Texas land or resources beyond a barrier without reasonable access raises serious property rights concerns and the unacceptable outcome of functionally ceding American soil; and

**WHEREAS**, a one-size-fits-all approach to border security infrastructure does not reflect the geographic and operational realities of Hudspeth County; and

**WHEREAS**, Hudspeth County’s rural character and natural dark skies are valuable resources supporting quality of life, tourism, and traditional land use;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hudspeth County Commissioners Court:**

**SECTION I. SUPPORT FOR BORDER SECURITY**

1. Affirms strong support for effective and lawful border security measures that protect residents, property, and public safety;
2. Supports completion of border barrier infrastructure in populated and high-impact areas where unlawful crossings and trafficking activity have caused demonstrated harm.

#### **SECTION II. PROPERTY RIGHTS AND SOVEREIGNTY**

3. Opposes infrastructure placements that unnecessarily cut off access to grazing lands, water sources, or private property;
4. Declares that no border infrastructure shall result in the loss, isolation, or ceding of American soil, private property, or water access without reasonable and reliable landowner access.

#### **SECTION III. SMART AND LOCALIZED BORDER SOLUTIONS**

5. Urges the Department of Homeland Security and all relevant agencies to work directly with local landowners, agricultural producers, and county officials to ensure practical, locally informed planning;
6. Encourages a targeted and strategic approach to border infrastructure in less populated areas, including the use of technology, increased patrol presence, or modified designs that secure the border without unnecessarily restricting access to land and water;
7. Requests that all planning fully protect existing water access and long-standing grazing practices relied upon by Texas landowners.

#### **SECTION IV. DARK SKIES AND RURAL CHARACTER**

8. Requires that any lighting associated with border infrastructure comply with the Hudspeth County Dark Skies Ordinance, including the use of shielded, downward-facing, low-impact lighting consistent with the county's rural character.

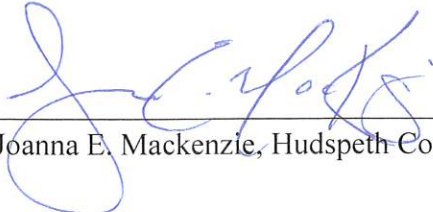
#### **SECTION V. BALANCE AND COORDINATION**


9. Emphasizes the need to balance national security with the economic sustainability of agriculture and ranching communities;
10. Requests continued coordination and transparency to ensure local knowledge is incorporated into all planning and implementation.

#### **SECTION VI. TRANSMITTAL**

The County Judge is authorized to transmit this Resolution to the Department of Homeland Security, the President of the United States, the Texas Congressional Delegation, the Governor of Texas, and all other appropriate federal and state officials.

**READ, PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE HUDSPETH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2026.**

  
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Joanna E. Mackenzie, Hudspeth County Judge

Attest:  
  
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Brenda Sanchez, District & County Clerk