

**RESOLUTION #2012- 14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINES (WIND FARMS) IN THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE AND IN KLEBERG COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingsville is the county seat of Kleberg County, Texas;

**WHEREAS**, there have been and there may be other companies in the future who are attempting to enter into lease agreements with landowners in Kleberg county for the purpose of erecting wind turbines (wind farms) on the scenic landscapes of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of such industrial wind farms will construction of such industrial wind farms will permanently degrade the scenic vistas of our area for long distances; and

**WHEREAS**, the industrial wind turbines create a disturbance on air traffic control radar that hinders flight operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the disruption of flight operations at the local base could result in the relocation of the local military flight training mission at Naval Air Station Kingsville, which would be devastating to the economy of our community as the base has an estimated economic impact to our community of over \$400million per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of such industrial wind farms will destroy the peaceful existence of the quality of life the residents of Kleberg County have come to enjoy over the years by generating noise from the turbines and by creating "shadow, strobe or flicker" effects; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial wind farms could be detrimental to the environmental integrity and wildlife of our area; and

**WHEREAS**, it is widely accepted by professional appraisers and members of the real estate community that land values where industrial wind farms are built and the land of the adjoining property owners are very likely to be devalued, resulting in economic loss for the property owners and in reduced tax base for the County and local school district; and

**WHEREAS**, the size and load of vehicles and cargo carried over state and county roads causes substantial deterioration of said roads and is likely to cause additional flooding issues in our county; and

**WHEREAS**, once the wind farms are in place, they are unregulated, generally have no post-production clean up requirements or funds, which results in an eyesore of deteriorated wind turbines that is a public nuisance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Kingsville, Texas:

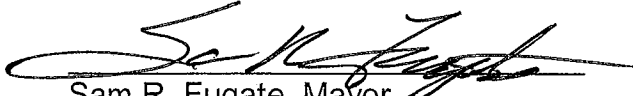
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**THAT** the City Commission opposes the construction of industrial wind turbines (wind farms) in the Kleberg County area;

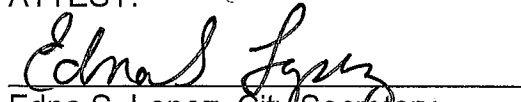
II.

THAT local elected representatives shall be encouraged to contact Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Honorable Susan Combs, and ask her to oppose economic incentives for industrial wind farms in the Kleberg County area.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a majority vote of the City Commission on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

  
Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Edna S. Lopez, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney