RESOLUTION REGARDING VITAL RECORDS FEES FOR THE PROBATE COURT AND PROBATE JUDGE'S FEES

WHEREAS, the Judge of Probate Court of Rockdale County serves as the local custodian, local registrar and/or special abstracting agent for certain vital records in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§31-10-8 and 31-10-27; and,

WHEREAS, the Judge of Probate Court receives personal compensation in addition to his regular compensation as a public official of the county in the form of fees for recording and providing copies of said vital records; and,

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §15-9-68 authorizes the governing authority of any county whose Probate Judge receives fees for serving as local custodian, local registrar, or special abstracting agent pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§31-10-8 and 31-10-27 to provide for the judge of the probate court and the county governing authority to execute an agreement regarding the retention of vital records fees as personal compensation for such services, in any calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 1997; and,

WHEREAS, the Probate Judge of Rockdale County and the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners desire to enter an agreement authorizing the Probate Judge to retain to an aggregate amount not less than an amount equal to the fees collected or \$15,000.00, whichever is less; and,

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. §15-9-68 further requires any probate judge who receives fees pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§31-10-8 and 31-10-27 to prepare and submit a report at least quarterly to the county governing authority specifying the amount received during the quarter for which the report is submitted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners that the Probate Judge of Rockdale County shall receive fees for recording and providing copies of said vital records limited to the amount equal to the fees collected or \$15,000.00, whichever is less in any calendar year. Said fees shall be considered personal compensation and shall be in addition to his regular compensation as a public official,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Probate Judge of Rockdale County shall continue to prepare a report for each quarter specifying the amounts received during the quarter for which the report is submitted. Each such report shall be submitted to the Finance Department of Rockdale County no later than fifteen (15) calendar days following the completion of the quarter and shall contain an affidavit sworn to by the Probate Judge certifying the accuracy of the report submitted. At his discretion, the Probate Judge may provide such reports on a more frequent basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution in conflict with this resolution is hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

SO RESOLVED this 11 day of September, 2018.

Rockdale County, Georgia Board of Commissioners

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Osborn Nesbitt, Sr., Chairman

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