

**CITY OF JOSEPHINE, TEXAS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSEPHINE, TEXAS, STRONGLY OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLACKLANDS CORRIDOR TOLLWAY/NORTHEAST GATEWAY.**

**WHEREAS**, The North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Texas Turnpike Corporation, the Texas Department of Transportation and a private developer have been conducting a study known as the Blacklands Corridor Study to assess and recommend a combination of strategies related to local and regional transportation needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blacklands Corridor Study Area includes parts of Collin, Dallas, Hunt and Rockwall Counties and includes consideration of a new tollway connecting the City of Greenville and the President George Bush Turnpike; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Josephine is philosophically and morally opposed to the use of eminent domain by a private corporation to be used on our nearby neighbors to construct the tollway that could cause financial hardship, emotional duress and disruption of their lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Josephine places great value on the family-oriented community, and finds that the impacts on the City by a private tollway are grossly inconsistent with the quality of life enjoyed by its residents, including the maintenance of rural atmosphere, clean air, low noise pollution and planning for parks, open spaces and land use and utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, as the City Councils of the City of Wylie, City of Sachse, City of Fate, City of Rockwall, City of Lavon and City of Nevada have all voted to oppose such tollway due to the severe impact on their Cities and citizens, we, the City Council of Josephine join these Cities in their decisions, by voting to oppose the Blacklands Corridor/Northeast Gateway Tollway,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSEPHINE, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** That the City of Josephine strongly opposes the construction of the Blacklands Corridor/Northeast Gateway Tollway.

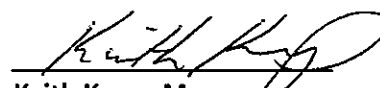
**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.**

Duly passed by the City Council of the City of Josephine, Texas, on the 13 day of October 2014.

**ATTEST:**

  
Patti Brooks, City Secretary

**APPROVED BY:**

  
Keith Koop, Mayor