RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the 89th Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 11, adding Texas Education Code § 25.0823, which permits a school district's board of trustees, by a recorded vote on a specified resolution, to adopt a policy requiring each district campus to provide an opportunity for students and employees to participate in a daily period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts, subject to statutory conditions;

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code § 25.082 already requires every campus to provide a one-minute period of silence each school day following the pledges to the United States and Texas flags, during which each student may reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in other silent activity not likely to interfere with others;

WHEREAS, the Spring Branch Independent School District Board of Trustees (the "Board") recognizes and reaffirms the rights protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution—including the Free Exercise Clause, the Establishment Clause, and the Free Speech Clause—which together protect private religious expression while prohibiting government establishment of religion in public schools;

WHEREAS, the Board and District have and will continue to follow state and federal laws regarding religion and prayer;

WHEREAS, the Spring Branch Independent School District, in accordance with Board Policies DH and EMB, has previously enacted neutrality requirements directing employees and volunteers to maintain neutrality in performance of their duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reaffirm its commitment to respect and safeguard the personal religious liberty of students and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

1. Pursuant to Texas Education Code § 25.0823, the Board has considered whether to adopt a policy creating a daily period for prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious texts and hereby declines to adopt such a policy;

2. The Board reaffirms the District's commitment to the First Amendment rights of students and staff, including their rights to the free exercise of religion and to engage in private, voluntary religious expression consistent with law;

3. The Board reaffirms its policy regarding neutrality, and further reaffirms its view that decisions regarding religious belief, expression, and practice are inherently personal matters best left to individuals and their families, and not to the Board or the District. The Board believes its proper role is to respect and protect the constitutional rights of all students and staff by maintaining a neutral environment in which individual freedom of conscience is preserved and will continue to do so while also complying with all state and federal laws;

4. The District shall continue to comply with Texas Education Code § 25.082 by: (a) providing the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags once each school

day at each campus; and (b) observing a one-minute period of silence immediately following the pledges, during which students and staff may, at their choice, reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in other silent, non-disruptive activity; and

5. Nothing in this Resolution limits or abridges any right of students or employees under the United States Constitution, the Texas Constitution, or applicable state and federal law regarding voluntary religious expression in public schools.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this __ day of February, 2026, by a vote of __ ayes and __ nays, with __ abstentions, of the Board of Trustees of the Spring Branch Independent School District.

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President, Board of Trustees
Spring Branch Independent School District

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Secretary, Board of Trustees
Spring Branch Independent School District