

**RESOLUTION OF THE
SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Smithville Independent School District (the “District”) recognizes the newly enacted Section 23.001 of the Texas Education Code permits the District to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 763, passed by the 88th Texas Legislature, requires each school board to take a record vote by March 1, 2024, on whether to adopt a policy authorizing a campus of the district to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain under Education Code, Chapter 23; and

WHEREAS, Smithville ISD currently does not prohibit chaplains or other religiously affiliated persons from applying for employment with the District;

WHEREAS, Smithville ISD currently does not prohibit chaplains or other religiously affiliated persons from applying to serve as a volunteer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:

1. Smithville ISD will continue to permit chaplains and other religiously affiliated persons to apply for employment or volunteer opportunities with the District in accordance with District policy and practice, including Board Policies DC (LOCAL) and GKG (LEGAL); and
2. Achieving the intent of this Resolution will not require any change to Board Policy; and
3. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to take any further actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; and
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the meeting minutes of the Smithville ISD Board of Trustees, which shall reflect the vote of each trustee on this matter. Adopted by the vote of the majority of members of the Board of Trustees of the Smithville ISD present and voting during a lawfully called meeting of the Board on the 22nd day of January, 2024, at which a quorum of the Board was present:

Aye: _____

Abstaining: _____

No: _____

Chris Hinnant, Board President

Nancy Towry, Board Secretary