

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

***In Support of the Feasibility Phase for a Division II Football Team at the University of Texas
of the Permian Basin***

- WHEREAS,** the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) has grown into an acclaimed, comprehensive university offering 32 undergraduate and 19 graduate degrees in the heart of the Permian Basin; and
- WHEREAS,** UTPB is recognized in the Top Tier of western Masters universities by national publications such as *US News and World Report*; and
- WHEREAS,** UTPB seeks to solidify its role as a first choice destination for academic, artistic and athletic achievement; and
- WHEREAS,** a Division II football program at UTPB will allow area high school athletes to continue their passion for playing football while pursuing a college degree; and
- WHEREAS,** a football program enhances campus life and provides motivation and attractive incentives to seek higher education and expand long-term career choices; and
- WHEREAS,** ancillary activities such as marching band and student training create access to college level participation for thousands of high school graduates; and
- WHEREAS,** with an increased number of scholarships as part of the overall athletics program, students will find it even more affordable to get their four-year degree at UTPB; and
- WHEREAS,** UTPB, as with all publicly supported universities in Texas, cannot use state funds to support athletics; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS that the Ector County Independent School District, by action of its Board of Trustees on July 30, 2013, does hereby support the feasibility phase of a Division II football program at UTPB.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an official copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to W. David Watts, UTPB President.

Signed on this the 30th day of July, 2013.

President, Board of Trustees
Ector County Independent School District

ATTEST: Superintendent of Schools
Ector County Independent School District