

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-068**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2732, CREATING A NEW CATHOLIC CEMETERY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2023, Representative Tracy O. King, introduced House Bill 2732 which allows an organized religious society or sect to file a written application with the governing body of a municipality to establish or use a cemetery within the boundaries of the municipality. The municipality, by ordinance, may authorize the establishment or use of the cemetery if the municipality determines and states in the ordinance that the establishment or use does not adversely affect public health, safety and welfare. This subsection applies only to a municipality with a population of 200,000 or more located in a county with a population of less than 300,000 that is adjacent to this state's international border with Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Inc. of the Diocese of Laredo has operated a cemetery within the City Limits for over 100 years, and such use and operation has not adversely affected the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Laredo; and

**WHEREAS**, the Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Inc. has reached capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Laredo would like to provide its citizens additional burial site options so as not to inundate our city cemetery or the cemetery operated by the Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Inc./Diocese of Laredo; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 21, 2023, the City of Laredo City Council voted and approved for this resolution to be created to support House Bill 2732 to allow and permit a new Catholic Cemetery to serve the Diocese of Laredo and the City of Laredo to be located within the City limits.

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

**Section 1:** The City of Laredo supports the passage of House Bill 2732, to create a new Catholic Cemetery by Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Inc./Diocese of Laredo within the City limits.

**Section 2:** That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be mailed to Representative Tracy O. King.

**Section 3:** This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

**DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR**  
**ON THIS THE 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF February, 2023.**

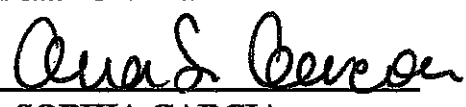
  
DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO  
MAYOR

ATTESTED:

  
JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOANH T. NGUYEN  
CITY ATTORNEY

BY:   
ANA SOPHIA GARCIA  
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

