

RESOLUTION

Require review of disaster plans by Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

A RESOLUTION TO: Require that disaster plans of municipalities, counties, and other local political subdivisions be provided to AAAs for review and comment, and that statewide disaster plans be provided to DADS for review and comment.

WHEREAS, The State of Texas is susceptible to disasters of all kinds and recent history shows how the health and welfare of the elderly and vulnerable populations are most at risk to any and all disasters; and

WHEREAS, The hurricanes of 2005 proved that the disaster plans of the public and private entities, including the state, counties and city governments, responsible for the health and welfare of the elderly and vulnerable populations left much to be desired; and

WHEREAS, "God helps those who help themselves" is an adage the senior citizens of Texas have learned to live with throughout their lifetimes; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature pass legislation requiring that AAAs be authorized to review and comment on all disaster plans adopted by counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions within the respective AAA regions and requiring that all statewide disaster plans be submitted to DADS for review and comment.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2006, by the Health and Human Resources Committee.

Glen Provost, Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2006, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary