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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Public Risk Management Awareness Day is being held
2 on March 1, 2020, providing an opportunity for communities across
3 Texas to raise awareness of the inherent risks faced by public
4 entities and the role of public risk management professionals in
5 mitigating such risks; and

6 WHEREAS, Cities, counties, school districts, port
7 authorities, state agencies, and other public entities are
8 responsible for providing critical services such as law
9 enforcement, fire protection, utilities, public education, and
10 transportation; by their very nature, these functions are subject
11 to disruption through the adverse effects of natural disasters,
12 criminal or terrorist acts, and other unpredictable situations; and

13 WHEREAS, Managing these vulnerabilities is the work of public
14 risk management professionals, who implement frameworks to reduce,
15 transfer, accept, or mitigate inherent risks; these measures allow
16 governments and institutions to improve safety, maintain fiscal
17 stability, decrease liability, and reduce reputational damage; and

18 WHEREAS, Public risk management professionals help governing
19 bodies work within the constraints of state statutes, city
20 charters, and accounting and budgeting guidelines, and they also
21 manage litigation and claims administration, safety programs, and
22 risk financing programs; in addition, they assist public entities
23 in planning for the unexpected by scanning the environment for
24 potential risks and proposing controls and mitigation plans, while

1 balancing political oversight, budget constraints, and stakeholder
2 expectations; and

3 WHEREAS, By taking appropriate measures to identify,
4 analyze, and treat risk, individuals in the field of public risk
5 management play a vital role in enabling residents of the Lone Star
6 State to live in safety, security, and prosperity, and they are
7 indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2020, as Public Risk
10 Management Awareness Day and extend to public risk management
11 professionals across the state sincere gratitude for their
12 contributions.