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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, All businesses are essential to the financial health
- 2 and well-being of the local economy and are therefore essential to
- 3 the financial health and well-being of every Texan; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Arbitrarily labeling some businesses as
- 5 "nonessential" and shutting down entire industries for extended
- 6 periods of time creates lasting economic harm; it also creates a
- 7 drain on already-strained taxpayer resources, a massive spike in
- 8 unemployment, and an increase in the occurrence and impact of
- 9 diseases of despair such as alcoholism, drug abuse, and suicide;
- 10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, At a time when personal responsibility is more
- 12 important than ever, Texans should be trusted to make their own
- 13 safety decisions about where to go and how to protect themselves;
- 14 and
- WHEREAS, Texans who are employed should be able to stay
- 16 employed, and Texans who lack employment should be able to gain
- 17 employment; now, therefore, be it
- 18 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 87th Texas Legislature
- 19 hereby recognize that all businesses are essential and all Texans
- 20 who want to work should be free to earn a living free from
- 21 government interference.