

2003-05

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE TEXAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR PRESIDENT BUSH'S \$3.5 BILLION FIRST
RESPONDER INITIATIVE DURING THE 108TH SESSION OF CONGRESS**

WHEREAS , the 107th Congress passed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, the legislation creating the new department did not provide funding for President Bush's \$3.5 billion First Responder initiative; and

WHEREAS, the First Responder Initiative was intended to provide funding to help cities pay for planning, training, equipment, and other resources to meet the challenge of preparing for and responding to terrorist attacks; and

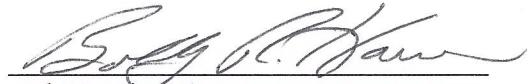
WHEREAS , Texas cities have been required to spend millions of dollars to implement heightened security measures since September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, many Texas cities are experiencing severe budget shortfalls:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TATUM, TEXAS that the city strongly encourages members of the Texas Congressional delegation to actively support passage of an appropriations bill that includes the \$3.5 billion First Responded Initiative to provide funds to help cities pay for some of the resources needed to meet the cities' new responsibilities for homeland security.

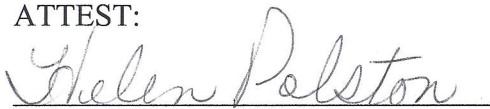
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2003.

APPROVED:



Bob Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:



Helen Polston, City Secretary