STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION

of the

TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

State Commission on Judicial Conduct Recommendation

WHEREAS, the Texas Judicial Council is the policymaking body for the Texas Judicial Branch, created under Chapter 71, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council is charged with improving the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct is to protect the public, promote public confidence in the integrity, independence, competence, and impartiality of the judiciary, and encourage judges to maintain high standards of conduct both on and off the bench.; and

WHEREAS, the Commission accomplishes this mission through its investigation of allegations of judicial misconduct or incapacity; and

WHEREAS, in cases where a judge is found to have engaged in misconduct or to be permanently incapacitated, the Texas Constitution authorizes the Commission to take appropriate disciplinary action, including issuing sanctions, censures, suspensions, or recommendations for removal from office;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Judicial Council urges the Legislature to provide adequate funding and resources to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Honorable Nathan L. Hecht Chair, Texas Judicial Council