RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE, EQUAL APPLICATION OF THE LAW, AND THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS AND UNITED STATES COURTS IN MUNICIPAL AND RESIDENTIAL MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Keller is governed by the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City has a compelling interest in ensuring that all residents are treated equally under the law, without discrimination based on religion, national origin, or any other protected characteristic; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has enacted House Bill 4211 to regulate certain residential property arrangements, protect consumers and homeowners, prohibit discriminatory housing practices, and ensure that disputes are resolved under Texas or federal law; and

WHEREAS, state law affirms that residential arrangements and property interests may not be structured to impose alternative legal systems, tribunals, or governing rules that displace Texas or United States law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Keller recognizes and fully supports the First Amendment right of all individuals to freely practice their religion in private life, provided such practices do not conflict with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the City does not recognize any parallel legal system—foreign, religious, or otherwise—as having authority over municipal governance, property regulation, housing enforcement, or dispute resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELLER, TEXAS:

Section 1: **Supremacy of Law.** The City of Keller affirms that the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Texas are the sole sources of legal authority governing municipal affairs, housing, property rights, and dispute resolution within the City.

Section 2: **No Parallel Legal Systems.** No foreign, religious, or alternative legal system shall be recognized or enforced by the City, its courts, boards, commissions, or administrative bodies.

Section 3: **Housing and Property Arrangements.** Residential developments, homeowners' associations, business entities, and managing entities operating within the City must comply with all applicable state and

federal fair-housing, property, and consumer-protection laws, including prohibitions on discrimination and unlawful restrictions on property transfer or ownership.

Section 4: **Dispute Resolution.** No agreement, rule, covenant, or governing document applicable to residential or municipal matters within the City may require disputes to be resolved exclusively in any forum other than courts established under Texas or United States law, consistent with state law.

Section 5: **Religious Freedom Preserved.** Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to restrict the voluntary practice of religion, private religious counseling, or mutually agreed-upon non-binding mediation, provided such practices do not conflict with state or federal law or attempt to supplant civil courts.

Section 6: **Consistency with State Law.** This resolution is intended to be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with all applicable state and federal law, including Texas House Bill 4211.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.

Passed by a vote of _ to _ on this the 6th day of January 2026.

CITY OF KELLER, TEXAS

BY: _____
Armin R. Mizani, Mayor

Attest:

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Kelly Ballard, City Secretary

Approved as to Form and Legality:

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L. Stanton Lowry, City Attorney