

STATE OF TEXAS
COLLIN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT

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COURT ORDER
2019 _____

**A Resolution of
Commissioners Court of Collin County**

*Urging Congress to Approve Legislation Regarding the United States-Mexico-Canada
Agreement (USMCA)*

WHEREAS, for more than 25 years, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has linked the economies of the United States, Canada, and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, United States trade with Mexico and Canada supports nearly a million Texas jobs, providing all-time low unemployment rates and \$127 billion in Texas goods and services exports in 2017;

WHEREAS, Collin County has an interest in properly rebalancing and modernizing NAFTA to ensure continued economic growth, freer markets, and improved labor conditions;

WHEREAS, under the ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), this relationship between respected parties will continue to cultivate additional economic growth, especially for the U.S. agriculture, manufacturing, and business sectors; and

WHEREAS, the USMCA will better protect American workers from cheap foreign labor, secures greater market access, modernizes digital trade, strengthens the protection of Intellectual Property rights, and establishes modern trade rules for small businesses that will cut red tape and make it easier to participate in cross-border trade;

WHEREAS, without a strong trade agreement in North America, up to \$37.3 billion in extra tariffs could hinder Texas manufactured goods exported, decreasing a job market that provides more than 114,200 Texas jobs; and

WHEREAS, it is in the utmost interest of Collin County to maintain a tariff-free North America – protecting the development of American-made products that hard-working Texans produce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas as follows:

1. Collin County supports a comprehensive, 21st century trade agreement that will further serve the interest of the United States of America, and the Texas workforce, guaranteeing continued trade with our North American partners through the USMCA; and

2. Collin County hereby formally urges Congress to immediately approve the USMCA as it will increase American job opportunities, strengthen economic liberty, and lead to a more level playing field with our North American partners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be filed and presented to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the U.S. Senate, the Chairmen and Ranking members of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee and the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee, and to the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott.