

## **University of Georgia**

Athens, Georgia

March 25-27, 2025

Travel Dates: Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

The Brazoria County Extension Agent- Family, Community Health seeks the Commissioners Court approval to attend the professional development opportunity at the University of Georgia- National Center for Home Food Preservation. The National Center for Home Food Preservation provides reliable, researched based information for Extension Agents who teach food preservation to the public. The National Center for Food preservation is the gold standard in food preservation. All the tested recipes AgriLife and other universities use for canning come from the labs at the National Center for Home Food Preservation. The information taught in this professional development will give our County Extension Agent the unparalleled opportunity to deepen her expertise and bring valuable knowledge back to Brazoria County residents. As an agent she, teaches a 7-month course in food preservation. Every one of her 7 classes sell out and we have a waiting list for most of the classes. While she knows a wealth of information and feels it is very important always to stay on top of the latest research and techniques for food preservation. By investing in this learning experience, we will be improving the lives of families and generations to come. Our Brazoria County Extension Agent is teaching residents of Brazoria County to become food secure and making a difference in our community.

Professional development is being paid for by current travel budget of the 2024-2025 fiscal year. No additional monies are being requested.

Professional development has been approved by the Texas A&M AgriLife District 9 Director and the AgriLife Administrators. Please see attached documentation.

Expected fees being charged to current travel budget.

Flight to Atlanta, Georgia (return airfare): \$261.96

Three nights stay: The Georgia Center: \$691.00

Rental Car: \$189

Total to be charged to current budget: \$1,141.96, plus meals