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**PROCLAMATION FOR 175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HENDERSON COUNTY**


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**WHEREAS**, On April 27, 1846 the Texas Legislature formed Henderson County from parts of Nacogdoches and Houston Counties. This newly formed County was named in honor of James Pickney Henderson, the first Governor of the State of Texas with the first town of Buffalo being laid out in 1847 which served as the County seat; and

**WHEREAS**, After the United States Census of 1850 determined that the resident population of Henderson County, Texas to be One Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty Seven (1,237) and with the boundaries officially set, an election was held with Athens being chosen as the site for the “Courthouse under the Oaks”; and

**WHEREAS**, Texans take pride in celebrating their traditions and heritage, which among these is a pioneering spirit that is looking to the future while also honoring our forebears by the preservation of our history; and

**WHEREAS**, The contributions made by those who lived in places like Fincastle, Mankin, Bethel, Aley, Stockard, Baxter, Opelika, Pauline, LaRue, Union Hill and Science Hill should not be forgotten, but rather incorporated into the accomplishments of the cities and towns that are still with us today; and

**WHEREAS**, The present day population of Henderson County, Texas is estimated to be Eighty Four Thousand and Five (84,005) individuals, with Twenty (20) incorporated Cities and Towns and Twelve (12) Independent School Districts residing wholly or partially within Henderson County; and

**WHEREAS**, Ever since the first Spanish and French explorers described the indigenous tribes along the upper Neches River who called themselves the Tejas, meaning “friendly”. In present day Henderson County, the “Tejas” spirit is embodied which makes it a great place to live, work, play and raise a family.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commissioners Court of Henderson County, Texas by this Proclamation does proclaim and encourages the Citizens of Henderson to recognize April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as the

**“175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HENDERSON COUNTY”**

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Henderson County Commissioners Court on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
Wade McKinney, County, Judge

  
Wendy Spivey, Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
Scott Tuley, Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
Chuck McHam, Commissioner, Precinct 3

  
Mark Richardson, Commissioner, Precinct 4

  
Mary Margaret Wright, County Clerk