

Proclamation Request

What is a proclamation?

Proclamations are issued by the Office of the Mayor to provide an opportunity for the Mayor and City of Texarkana, Texas, to recognize exceptional events, groups, or people. The goal of a proclamation is to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of city residents of Texarkana, Texas, and to increase public awareness of issues with the hope of improving the well-being of citizens in Texarkana, Texas.

Proclamation Material

- A Proclamation can recognize an event for a day, a week, a month, or a year.
- Requests should be submitted three weeks prior to the date of the event.
- Any draft language may be edited or revised without notice at the discretion of the Mayor's Office.
- If the proclamation is to be a joint proclamation between Texarkana, Texas, and Texarkana, Arkansas, please check here.
- As proclamations are within the discretion of the Mayor, some requests may not be granted.

A completed proclamation request form can be mailed, emailed, or dropped off to:

Jennifer Evans, TRMC, City Secretary
City Hall
220 Texas Blvd
Texarkana, TX 75501
Email to: j.evans@txkusa.org

The requested information below is needed to process your proclamation request. Required fields are marked by an asterisk (*).

*Name			
Name of Organization (if applicable)			
*Phone (day)			
*Phone (evening/cell)			
Address			
*Email Address			
Unless advised otherwise, all contact regarding this request will be with the person listed above.			
*Title of Proclamation			
*Date(s) of Proclamation			

information of specific information	nents of Proclamation - The requester is responsible for needed as the proclamation is designed to capture your data such as, detailed background information and pure submitted must be in the form of "Whereas" states	r intent. The information should consist urpose of the proclamation. The draft ements. (Please see guidelines and	
examples of proclamations attached.) The information will be formatted to fit on a one-page 8.5 X 14 document. Information may be edited for formatting purposes. Failure to provide "Whereas" information			
may resul	t in the delay of processing the proclamation or denial of p	breparing the proclamation.	
Select a <u>r</u>	oreferred option for receiving:		
Pre	esentation at Council Meeting - Desired date	Alternate date	
•	(Council meetings are normally held on the 2 nd and 4 th Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. and proclamations are presented in the earlier part of the meeting).		
Pres	Presentation in person by the Mayor or designee. Please provide date, time & location of event.		
Pick	-up at City Hall, 220 Texas Blvd, Texarkana, Texas.		

The Mayor's Office will try to honor your request for a presentation at a City Council meeting or a presentation in person, but certain dates may not be available due to the Mayor's schedule, other prior commitments, or reasons of the Mayor or designee. The Mayor's Office will contact you regarding coordination of the presentation.

Other Recognitions

Other forms of recognition from the Mayor's Office can be requested such as: special greetings, welcome speeches, certificates of recognition, etc. These recognitions shall be used to honor special events or individuals within the City of Texarkana, Texas. These may include special conventions, community celebrations, welcome activities, award ceremonies, graduations, and other like events. The Mayor's Office asks that requests for other recognitions be submitted two weeks prior to the due date for consideration. Thank you. (051321)

Guidelines and Examples

Write concisely and specifically. While the proclamation shouldn't be wordy, it also shouldn't be too short, as part of the purpose of a proclamation is to entice others to support your cause.

Compose "Whereas" statements declaring why you are making the proclamation. The first several sections of the proclamation should begin with the word "Whereas." These statements should make it clear why you are making the proclamation. For example, if proclaiming a certain day such as "Say No to Drugs", one of the statements could be "Whereas, drugs are an ever-growing problem in our society that is claiming the lives of more and more young people; and"; then continue the proclamation with similar statements.

Conclude with a "Now Therefore" statement in which you make the actual proclamation itself. Clearly state what you are proclaiming in this section, using the word "proclaim" to make your point clear. For example, you could say, "Now, Therefore, I, Bob Bruggeman, Mayor of Texarkana, Texas, proclaim January 1, 2050 as "Say No to Drugs Day."

PROCLAMATION

Babe Ruth Holloway Stokes 75th Deltaversary

Whereas, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 at Howard University by 22 college-educated, African American women whose focus was on education and assistance to people in need; and

Whereas, on May 17, 1946, Babe Ruth Holloway Stokes became a member of the Texas College Chapter, Tyler, Texas, of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; and

Whereas, on May 17, 2021, Babe Ruth Stokes will celebrate 75 years of promoting academic excellence, sisterhood, and providing service to the Texarkana and surrounding communities; and

Whereas, in celebration of Babe Ruth Stokes' Diamond Jubilee, her Deltaversary, in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the TAC will celebrate this momentous occasion by hosting a Virtual Event, *Our Hats Off to You* on May 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.; and

Whereas, the TAC event will welcome and feature prominent local, regional, and national members and leaders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as well as sorors, family, and friends of Babe Ruth Stokes; and

Whereas, the influence of Babe Ruth Stokes in the TAC has been phenomenal, inspirational, and powerful, and the TAC celebration of her Deltaversary will elevate the impact and longevity of this Chapter, its participants, and partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that, I, Bob Bruggeman, do hereby recognize May 17, 2021, as the 75th Deltaversary of

Babe Ruth Holloway Stokes

in Texarkana, Texas.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, each year, the nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging. Undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and even death are the potential results; and

Whereas, the Common Ground Alliance and its 1700 members promote the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages. Designated by the FCC in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local One Call Center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

Whereas, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation; and finally, digging with care around the marks; and

Whereas, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility. To know what's below, call **811** before you dig.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, Bob Bruggeman, Mayor of the City of Texarkana, Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as:

"NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH"

and encourage excavators and homeowners throughout the country to always call **811** before digging. Safe Digging is No Accident!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Texarkana, Texas, to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2021.

A TEXARKANA JOINT PROCLAMATION

Whereas, National Hospital Week is May 9-15, 2021, originating in 1921 as a community celebration, and is now the nation's largest healthcare event; and

Whereas, the past year has challenged our health care heroes to continuously go beyond the call of duty to serve the health care needs of our community during these historically trying times; and

Whereas, National Hospital Week celebrates hope and healing, and the women and men who support the health and wellbeing of their communities through dedication, courage, and care from the heart; and

Whereas, the theme for National Hospital Week inspires hope and aligns with the CHRISTUS St. Michael mission of extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, what we have learned about our capabilities, resourcefulness, and our abilities to meet challenges has given all of us new pride in who we are: and

Whereas, CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System has served the people of the Texarkana region for 105 years; and

Whereas, Pope Francis has told us, "Today amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others."

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Bob Bruggeman, Mayor of Texarkana, Texas, and, Allen L. Brown, Mayor of Texarkana, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim **May 9 – 15, 2021** as:

National Hospital Week

at Christus St. Michael Health System and we want to express deep gratitude to the Health Care Heroes in our midst and thank them for what they do every day in caring for others.