



CITY OF TEXARKANA TEXAS

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 _____

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."

<p style="text-align: center;">P R O C L A M A T I O N</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">P R O C L A M A T I O N</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A T E X A R K A N A J O I N T P R O C L A M A T I O N</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Babe Ruth Holloway Stokes 75th Deltaversary</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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, <i>Our Hats Off to You</i> on May 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.; and</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that, I, Bob Bruggeman, do hereby recognize May 17, 2021, as the 75th Deltaversary of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Babe Ruth Holloway Stokes</p> <p>in Texarkana, Texas.</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Whereas, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility. To know what's below, call 811 before you dig.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Bruggeman, Mayor of the City of Texarkana, Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH"</p> <p>and encourage excavators and homeowners throughout the country to always call 811 before digging. Safe Digging is No Accident!</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Whereas, CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System has served the people of the Texarkana region for 105 years; and</p> <p>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."</p> <p>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:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Hospital Week</p> <p>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.</p>