



Office of the Mayor

P r o c l a m a t i o n

WHEREAS, municipal courts play a significant role in preserving public safety and promoting quality of life in Texas; and

WHEREAS, more people come in contact with municipal courts than all other Texas courts combined and public impression of the Texas judicial system is largely dependent upon the public's experience in municipal court; and

WHEREAS, state law authorizes a municipality to either appoint or elect a municipal judge for a term of office, the Deer Park Municipal Court is a state court and its judges are members of the state judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the procedures for the City of Deer Park Municipal Court operations are set forth in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and other laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Deer Park is committed to the notion that our legal system is based on the principle that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us and that judges and court personnel should comply with the law and act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, Deer Park Municipal Judges are not policy makers for the City of Deer Park but are bound by the law and the Canons of Judicial Conduct and are required to make decisions independent of the governing body of the City Council, city officials, and employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas contain procedural safeguards in criminal cases for all defendants, including indigent defendants, and supports the Deer Park Municipal Court in complying with such legal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JERRY MOUTON, Mayor of the City of Deer Park, by virtue of the authority vested in me, along with City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of November 2nd through November 6th, 2020 as:

"MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK"

In recognition of the fair and impartial justice offered to our citizens by the Municipal Court of Deer Park, Texas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Deer Park to be affixed hereto this third Day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty, A.D.

**Mayor Jerry Mouton
City of Deer Park**