

RESOLUTION

R-2023-06

“Llano, Deer Capital of Texas”

WHEREAS, The picturesque Hill Country community of Llano has long been known across the state and nation as a premier location for deer hunting; and

WHEREAS, In the years after its founding in 1855, Llano was the last stop on the railroad and an outpost on the edge of the largely unsettled land that extended to the west; many settlers relied on the abundant deer and other game as a source of food, particularly as they were first establishing their ranches and farms; and

WHEREAS, Even after the frontier era passed, the countryside near Llano retained its thriving deer population; hunters from other parts of the state and beyond began making trips to the area, and by the early decades of the 1900s, the community was being nicknamed and thereby regarded by many as the "Deer Capital of Texas"; and

WHEREAS, Today, the town remains one of the Lone Star State's most popular destinations for deer hunters; the region of the Hill Country around Llano boasts one of the highest densities of deer in the nation, with a ratio of one deer for every two to three acres of land, greater than any other area in the United States; and

WHEREAS, More than 15,000 people hunt in Llano County each year, harvesting over 12,000 white-tailed deer annually; the hunters spend as much as \$3.5 million in the county, making the sport a significant factor in the local economy; and

WHEREAS, On the Friday before the start of each deer season, the Llano Chamber of Commerce hosts a Hunters Welcome event to express the city's appreciation for the contributions hunters make to the town's prosperity, and throughout the season, banners, posters, and special offers from businesses create a friendly environment for hunting enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, From its origins as a frontier town to the present day, Llano has been a paradise for deer hunters, and the community's prominent role in this popular sport is indeed deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Llano has been historically and widely recognized throughout the state and nation as the "Deer Capital of Texas" by official publications and online research sites such as Texas Highways Magazine, TravelTex.com, Texas State Historical Association, and the Insurance Council of Texas; now, therefore, be it

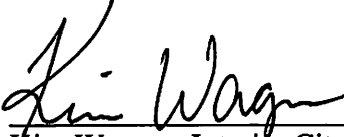
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this Resolution is duly introduced for consideration of said City Council, is then duly moved and seconded that said Resolution be passed; said motion, carrying with it the passage of said Resolution naming

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and extend to the residents and deer hunters sincere best wishes for continued success of their “hunts” of a proud Llano and Texas tradition.



Kelli Tudyk, Mayor



Kim Wagner, Interim City Secretary