

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Texas Municipal Courts Association (“TMCA”) is a statewide organization representing municipal court personnel and has over 1,000 members from every part of the state of Texas who serve as municipal court personnel at every level, including judges, court administrators, clerks, and prosecutors,

WHEREAS, the responsibility of conducting the business and affairs of the Texas Municipal Courts Association is entrusted to its Board of Directors,

WHEREAS, Municipal courts provide the citizens of the Lone Star State with a local forum where questions of law and fact can be resolved in regard to alleged violations of state law and municipal ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Because citizens come into contact with municipal courts more often than any other type of court, the administration of justice at the municipal level plays a large part in influencing the public’s overall impression of the Texas judicial system; and

WHEREAS, Judges of the municipal courts function also as magistrates for the State of Texas, and in that role they perform such duties as issuing search and arrest warrants, giving magistrate warnings, and setting bail for offenses ranging from petty theft to murder; and

WHEREAS, Pledging to be impartial and to conform to the standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, our state’s municipal court employees work diligently to ensure the fair administration of justice while upholding the rigorous standards of professionalism; and

WHEREAS, In addition to judges, municipal courts are staffed by clerks, court administrators, prosecutors, juvenile case managers, bailiffs, and warrant officers; these dedicated individuals continually strive to improve court operations by participating in judicial education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state and local professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, the judges, prosecutors, bailiffs, and clerks who serve in the Municipal Courts have complied with all relevant emergency orders and implemented procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide for the safety of all who work in and appear before the Court;

WHEREAS, Municipal courts in Texas play a vital role in preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life for area residents, and deterring future criminal behavior, and it is indeed fitting to recognize municipal judges and court support personnel for their exemplary dedication to the communities they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Texas Municipal Courts Association Board of Directors designate and ask all municipal courts to celebrate the first week of November as Municipal Courts Week.

Passed this 21st day of October, 2021 by the Texas Municipal Courts Association Board of
Directors