



Office of the Mayor

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Travel is...essential to Texas



Deer Park, TEXAS 2015 PROCLAMATION

Whereas travel has a positive effect on Texas and the nation's economic prosperity and image abroad, to business productivity and to individual travelers' well-being.

Whereas travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating \$2.1 trillion in economic output in 2013, with \$887.9 billion spent directly by travelers and tax revenues of \$134 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs.

Whereas travel is among the largest private-sector employers in the United States, supporting 14.9 million jobs in 2013, including 7.9 million directly in the travel industry and 7.0 million in other industries.

Whereas travel to and within Texas provides significant economic benefits for the state, generating \$67.5 billion spent directly by travelers and tax revenues of \$4.7 billion for state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs.

Whereas travel is among the largest industries in the state, supporting 1.1 million jobs in 2013, including 601,000 directly in the travel industry and 529,000 in other industries.

Whereas leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the United States, supports our region's arts, entertainment, and recreation sectors of tourism and spurs local job creation.

Whereas travel spending in our region enhances the lives of local residents through sales taxes paid by out-of-town guests, thereby decreasing residents' taxes to cover services enjoyed by all.

Whereas travel is a catalyst that moves the local economy forward and builds on the visitor amenities and experiences available for travelers and local residents.

Whereas Deer Park is uniquely positioned to capitalize on travel and tourism in the greater Houston area, positioned in a convenient and centralized location to allow visitors to explore the region.

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Jerry Mouton do hereby proclaim May 2-10, 2015 as Travel and Tourism Week in Deer Park, Texas, and urge the citizens of Deer Park, Texas to join me in this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations.

Mayor Jerry Mouton

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