



Office of the Mayor

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

WHEREAS as tensions between Mexico and Texas increased during the Texas Revolution, the two sides decided to meet in a pitched battle between the merchant ship San Felipe and the Mexican raider Correo de Mejico on September 1, 1835; and

WHEREAS after this skirmish, Texas decided to protect its maritime interests by issuing Letters of Marque, government licenses authorizing privateers to capture enemy vessels; and

WHEREAS it was later deemed necessary for Texas to expand its strength and create its own navy to protect trade interests and supply lines in the Gulf of Mexico. As a result, the provisional government purchased four ships (Liberty, Invincible, Independence and Brutus) that historians now refer to as the First Texas Navy; and

WHEREAS the Texian Navy contributed more to Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna's defeat at San Jacinto than most people realize. The severe lack of food and supplies contributed much to the defeat; and

WHEREAS the men who served Texas in the Texian Navy were proud, industrious, brave and willing to suffer many hardships. These traits are typical to our ancestors who carved this great State out of the wilderness; and

WHEREAS in 1958, Governor Price Daniels, Sr. reactivated the Texas Navy. The current version of the Texas Navy, designed to assure the survival of Texas Navy History, has brought together men and women who desire to preserve history, rights, boundaries, water resources and civil defense of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JERRY L. MOUTON, Mayor of the City of Deer Park, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim the 21st day of September, 2019 as:

“Texian Navy Day”

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 Seventeenth day of July, Two Thousand and Nineteen, A.D.

**Jerry L. Mouton Jr., Mayor
City of Deer Park, Texas**