



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, municipal courts play an essential role in preserving public safety, deterring future criminal behavior, and protecting the quality of life for area residents and all citizens of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, more citizens have an encounter with municipal courts, than all other types of Texas courts combined, and the administration of justice in the municipal courts has a substantial influence in shaping the public's impression of the Texas judicial system; and

WHEREAS, Texas Senate Bill No. 1924, which established the City of Coppell's Municipal Court as a court of record in 1997 and established it as Coppell Municipal Court No.1 and which authorized a municipality to either appoint or elect a municipal judge for a term of office, the Coppell Municipal Court No.1, is a Texas state court and its judges are members of the State of Texas judiciary;

WHEREAS, our municipal judges, who pledge to be impartial and who also serve as magistrates for the State of Texas, work diligently to ensure the fair administration of justice and to enforce procedural safeguards for all defendants, including indigent defendants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coppell is committed to the principles that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will properly interpret and apply the law and that its judges and court personnel should adhere to the law and conduct themselves in a way which promotes public confidence in the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Texas and the laws of the State of Texas contain procedural safeguards in criminal cases for all defendants, including indigent defendants, and supports the Coppell Municipal Court No.1, in complying with all such legal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wes Mays, Mayor of the City of Coppell, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of November 6 – 10, 2023 as

“MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK”

in Coppell, Texas, and commend all those associated with the Coppell Municipal Court No. 1 for their exemplary dedication to the City of Coppell.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this **14th day of November 2023**.

Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Owens, City Secretary