



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Friends of Coppell Nature Park is a non-profit organization that was officially chartered in 2003 as a 501(c)(3) with a vision to build a nature park in Coppell through volunteer effort and funding; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication of the Friends of Coppell Nature Park organization and volunteers to involve the community, the Coppell Nature Park has grown from an idea into a 66-acre nature park with more than two miles of dedicated trails, two outdoor classrooms, three diverse ecosystems, an observation deck, and a bird blind; and

WHEREAS, through continued dedication to create a positive experience in nature for all children in Coppell and to education the community about their natural environment, the Friends of Coppell Nature Park did not stop their momentum with the Coppell Nature Park and continued a grass roots effort to build an educational facility which is now known as the Biodiversity Education Center; and

WHEREAS, for the past two decades the Friends of Coppell Nature Park have contributed more than 800 hours annually to trail maintenance and restoration, provided bi-weekly guided hikes and monthly environmental education classes to adults and have reached thousands of children through their education programs and field trips.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Wes Mays, Mayor of the City of Coppell, do hereby proclaim the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Friends of Coppell Nature Park organization, and I encourage all citizens to celebrate by visiting the Biodiversity Education Center and Coppell Nature Park to spend time experiencing nature.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 8th day of August 2023.

Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Owens, City Secretary