



## ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, the first church to serve the area now known as Coppell, Grapevine Springs Methodist Church, was founded on September 17, 1879, by Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Stringfellow and other faithful disciples; and

**WHEREAS**, those community pioneers built the first church building here 11 years before Coppell was incorporated; and

**WHEREAS**, this community of faith opened its hearts and doors to the community by housing the first one-room schoolhouse in the Coppell area; and

**WHEREAS**, this community of faith opened its hearts and doors to other denominations, allowing other start up congregations to have a place to worship; and

**WHEREAS**, this community of faith has embraced the town of Coppell from day one, in time becoming First United Methodist Church of Coppell; and

**WHEREAS**, First United Methodist Church of Coppell has continued a 140 year tradition of opening hearts and doors to Coppell through ministries to the community such as Coppell Cares, Sack Summer Hunger (supplying thousands of meals each summer for every CISD household on the reduced lunch program), and supplies dozens of reading buddies to area elementary schools, among other outreach ministries; and

**WHEREAS**, First United Methodist Church of Coppell is celebrating 140 years of serving this community in Christ's name by serving this community in Christ's name over the next week and a half by repairing homes, feeding teachers and first responders, working in the community garden, community walking trails work, donating blood and feeding Dallas area homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, First United Methodist Church of Coppell will open hearts and doors on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM to celebrate its 140th Anniversary, officially launching our next 140 years of serving the greater Coppell community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppell do hereby proclaim September 22, 2019 to be

### **“First United Methodist Church Day”**

in Coppell. First United Methodist Church of Coppell will open hearts and doors to all citizens on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM to celebrate its 140th Anniversary.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 10th day of September 2019.

ATTEST:

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Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

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Christel Pettinos, City Secretary