



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Coppell was settled by German and French immigrants in the 1840s; and

WHEREAS, originally named “Gibbs Station,” after Barnett Gibbs, who eventually became one of Texas’ first lieutenant governors; and

WHEREAS, after the introduction of the Cotton Belt railroad, the Gibbs community was renamed Coppell, in honor of George A. Coppell, who was a wealthy Wall Street banker in New York City who had extensive holdings in railroads and oversaw the opening of the railroad in Coppell; and

WHEREAS, the name was officially changed by the post office in 1892, two years after the railroad industry constructed the new Coppell Depot; and

WHEREAS, the railroad strengthened Coppell’s position in the county, providing transportation of freight and passenger service until after World War II.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppell, Texas, do hereby proclaim June 29th, 2018, as:

“GEORGE A. COPPELL DAY”

in the City of Coppell and encourage all residents to remember the impact of George A. Coppell when they see or hear a train pass through the City.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 12th day of June 2018.

ATTEST:

Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

Christel Pettinos, City Secretary