

# ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, there are 916 municipal courts that handle over 7 million cases and conduct more than 3,800 jury trials every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal judges make up over one third of the entire state's judiciary;

**WHEREAS**, More people come in personal contact with municipal courts than all other Texas courts combined, and public perception of the entire Texas judicial system is largely dependent upon the public's experience in municipal court;

**WHEREAS**, Municipal courts serve as the local justice center for the enforcement of local ordinances and fine-only state offenses that protect the peace and dignity of our community;

**WHEREAS**, Municipal judges, court personnel, and marshals have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all, and conform to the standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct;

**WHEREAS**, Municipal judges, prosecutors, clerks, and marshals continually strive to improve the administration of justice through participation in judicial education programs, seminars, workshops and annual meetings of state and local professional organizations;

**WHEREAS**, It is appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Texas Municipal Courts, and the Coppell Municipal Court Number 1, and salute their critical role in preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life and deterring future criminal behavior in Texas communities and in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppell, Texas, do hereby proclaim November 7-11, 2016 as

## **“Municipal Court Week”**

**AND FURTHER THEREFORE**, extend appreciation to the municipal courts throughout Texas and to our Presiding and Alternate Municipal Judges, prosecutor, and court personnel for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to our community. I call upon all residents of Coppell to join with us in recognizing the service they perform and their dedication to the community they represent.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christel Pettinos, City Secretary