



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, municipal courts play a significant role in preserving public safety and promoting quality of life in Texas;

WHEREAS, state law authorizes a municipality to either appoint or elect a municipal judge for a term of office, the Coppel Municipal Court No. 1 is a state court and its judges are members of the state judiciary;

WHEREAS, the procedures for the Coppel Municipal Court No. 1 operations are set forth in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and other laws of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, the City of Coppel is committed to the notion that our legal system is based on the principle that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us, and that judges and court personnel should comply with the law and act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary;

WHEREAS, Coppel Municipal Judges are not policy makers for the City of Coppel, but are bound by the law and the Canons of Judicial Conduct and are required to make decisions independent of the governing body of the City Council, city officials, and employees;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor of the City of Coppel, do hereby proclaim the week of November 4-8, 2019, as

“MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK”

in recognition of the fair and impartial justice offered to our citizens by the Municipal Court of Coppel.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppel to be affixed this 22nd day of October 2019.

ATTEST:

Christel Pettinos, City Secretary

Karen Selbo Hunt, Mayor