



PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, According to The Cumby Rustler newspaper publications, the City of Cumby had a fire brigade extinguishing fires at local cotton gins, other businesses and homes as well as railways including a locomotive steam engine fire along with grass fires dating back into the 1870s through the early 1900s; and

WHEREAS, It is also recorded that a large portion of the old downtown burned and if not for the quick action of the firemen, it was believed the entire city would have been destroyed; and

WHEREAS, Officially, the City of Cumby formed its first Fire Department in 1924. Information concerning founding members was lost when records suffered water damage after a roof collapse of the old city hall building in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, The first known fire apparatus with the department was a 1932 model Howe pumper truck; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, the modern era Fire Department was formed. Founding members consisted of James Strickland, Leroy Conville, Junior Millsap, Leon Higginbotham, Luke Smith, William Cross and Bill Spencer; and

WHEREAS, The department's motto "Pride of the Westside" still holds true as its members continue to proudly claim a longstanding sense of success in providing fire protection for the City of Cumby and Western Hopkins County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopkins County Commissioners Court urges all citizens to applaud the outstanding efforts of the Cumby Volunteer Fire Department, to recognize the dedication in their perseverance to provide protection for each citizen and their property and, offer heartfelt appreciation for the servanthood of each one.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Hopkins County Commissioners Court at the regularly scheduled meeting on the 12th day of August, 2019.

Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

Mickey Barker, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Greg Anglin, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Wade Bartley, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Joe Price, Commissioner, Pct. 4

Andy Endsley, Hopkins County Fire Chief