



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In February 1974, Hopkins County records reveal that discussion for the financing of a proposed new Livestock Show Barn and Civic Center occurred. Other documents show the City of Sulphur Springs and Hopkins County agreed a new facility was needed in order to host livestock shows; and

WHEREAS, In an April 3, 1975 Special Meeting of the Hopkins County Commissioners Court, Gordon Wilson was approved as architect for the estimated \$1,391,283 cost of construction of the Civic Center and Livestock Arena; and

WHEREAS, A fund raising campaign for the complex resulted in monetary donations by several companies, local business owners as well as individuals. Citizens also donated cattle; and

WHEREAS, On November 1, 1976, Representative Sam B. Hall, Jr. announced approval of the Economic Development Administration grant for \$694,500; and

WHEREAS, Through the visionary leadership of its Charter Board and subsequent Planning Committee, the Hopkins County Regional Civic Center began to surface as a reality with its groundbreaking ceremony, sub-grade work completed by the City of Sulphur Springs followed by the pouring of support piers in June 1977; and

WHEREAS, The vision for the Civic Center expanded to include the new Sulphur Springs High School's desire for a new auditorium; and

WHEREAS, The three-unit facility has played host to annual livestock shows, regional conferences, festive events, concerts of renown musical artists, rodeos and rodeo championships; and

WHEREAS, Through the combined enthusiasm, interests and efforts of the city, the school district and the county, the Hopkins County Regional Civic Center became a reality for its people and their neighbors as a welcomed addition to the area by opening the doors on January 1, 1979; and

WHEREAS, On November 13, 1978, while in Regular Session of the Hopkins County Commissioners Court, the newly recommended board members were named as Gary Odom, Paul Herschler, Patsy Johnson, Bobby Price, Rod Henderson, Abe Dial, Lynda Hager, Bruce Fielden, W.S. Long, Guy Mayes and Carrol Nichols who served as the First Governing Board for the Hopkins County Regional Civic Center effective January 1, 1979; and

WHEREAS, The outstanding Hopkins County citizens Gary Odom, Patsy Johnson and Lynda Hager continue to serve their friends, neighbors and visitors in Hopkins County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Hopkins County Commissioners Court commemorates the 41 years of service of the Hopkins County Regional Center and honor the dedication of those members of the First Governing Board who remain active citizens in our community.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Hopkins County Commissioners Court at the regularly scheduled meeting on the 27th day of January, 2020.

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