

Information in support of a proclamation recognizing Prairie View A&M University on its 150th anniversary

- *Recognizes and celebrates Prairie View A&M University on the occasion of its 150th anniversary, honoring its historic legacy, academic excellence, and longstanding service.*
- *Acknowledges that Prairie View A&M University was established in 1876 as an agricultural and mechanical college for the “colored youth” of Texas, which started with 8 students in 1876 and now enrolls more than 10,000 proud, productive Panthers.*
- *Further recognizes the University as Texas’ second oldest public institution, a leading HBCU that is a Carnegie-classified R2 research university.*
- *Affirms the University’s enduring commitment to excellence in teaching, research, service, and community engagement.*
- *Notes the institution’s academic expansion and key milestones, including its 1890 land-grant designation and the offering of more than 75 undergraduate and graduate programs.*
- *Emphasizes the University’s historic role in broadening access to higher education and advancing innovation, leadership, and civic engagement for historically underrepresented populations.*
- *Commends the leadership of ninth President Dr. Tomikia P. LeGrande and the Journey to Eminence strategic initiative.*
- *Recognizes the University’s distinguished research centers and institutes that contribute to knowledge creation and societal impact.*
- *Acknowledges the University’s alumni for their distinguished public, military, and other service and leadership across professions domestically and globally.*
- *Celebrates the critical work of its cooperative extension program which serves more than 75 Texas counties.*
- *Recognizes the sesquicentennial as an opportunity to honor the institution’s founding, its excellence in achievement, and its vision for the future.*
- *Formally expresses recognition of Prairie View A&M University’s contributions to higher education and extends best wishes for its continued success.*