

# **PROCLAMATION OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**WHEREAS**, Taylor Rotary Club was founded on May 10, 1921, in Taylor, Texas, by 25 charter members who met in the Blazilmar Hotel and elected C.O. Daliel and Dr. R.E. Doak, president and vice-president respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, Rotary International is a world-wide service organization founded in Chicago in 1905 currently consisting of 1.2 million professional and business leader members, in more than 35,000 clubs around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rotary motto “Service Above Self” inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taylor Rotary Club and its members B.J. Korman and Dr. Ned Doak were instrumental in the metamorphosis of a “weed patch” into Murphy Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taylor Rotary Club planted and assumed responsibility of care for the original trees in that park, many of which still shelter people on those beautiful grounds today; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taylor Rotary Club was responsible for Taylor’s first Boy Scout Organization in 1924 and for the Rotary Field in 1953. At that time the Field hosted the Little League which was comprised of only 4 club-sponsored teams: Kiwanis, Lions, Optimists and Rotary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taylor Rotary Club has recognized citizens who have had tremendous impact on our community since 1944 with the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which today includes the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to immunize the children of the world against polio as well as contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children against polio in 122 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taylor Rotary Club, routinely, contributes to that fund and to the Rotary Foundation with all members participating and earning the level of Paul Harris Fellows; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taylor Rotary Club continues to put “Service Above Self” as it supports the Baylor Scott and White Blood Drive, packs groceries at Shepherd’s Heart Food Pantry, delivers Meals On Wheels, recognizes the top 10 percent of Taylor High and Legacy Early-College High at an annual banquet, awards college and vocational scholarships to local students, and many other activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, calls upon all citizens of Williamson County to recognize and celebrate the ***100TH ANNIVERSARY of the TAYLOR ROTARY CLUB*** and congratulate our Rotarians for their "Service Above Self" and Centennial Anniversary event planned on the lawn in front of Old Taylor High and the Loose Screw from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on May 1, 2021.

Be it Proclaimed this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Gravell, Jr., County Judge  
On Behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court