



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, volunteerism is a form of helping in which people actively seek out opportunities to assist others in need, make considerable and continuing commitments to provide assistance, and sustain these commitments over extended periods of time, often at considerable personal cost and from a strong sense of passion; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Rhoden, a Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, embodied this spirit by sharing his enthusiasm for gardening and nature with hundreds of people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, his impact has been felt not only in Fort Bend County, where he got his start, and in Williamson County, where he continued his work especially through his 13-year commitment to Berry Springs Park and Preserve, but all across the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Rhoden's thoughtful guidance was shown in his leading the Fort Bend County and Williamson County Master Gardener Associations, the Texas Master Gardener Association, and the Good Water Master Naturalist Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Wayne's service has been recognized with numerous awards and accolades, and the latest being the Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award given posthumously in conjunction with the OneStar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, it has been said, "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth," so let it be said that his rent payment funded so many others;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims April 16, 2024, as Wayne Rhoden Day in Williamson County, in recognition of his ability to engage people from all walks of life and his broader community influence. We express our thanks to Wayne for his work and to his family who shared him with us.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: _____

Bill Gravell, County Judge

On behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court Members