## Office of the MAYOR City of Angleton, Texas Proclamation

WHEREAS, municipal courts play a significant role in preserving public safety and promoting quality of life in Texas; and

WHEREAS, more people come in contact with municipal courts than all other Texas courts combined and public impression of the Texas judicial system is largely dependent upon the public's experience in municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the City of Angleton is committed to the notion that our legal system is based on the principle that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us;

WHEREAS, Angleton Municipal Judges are not policy makers for the City of Angleton but are bound by the law and Canons of Judicial Conduct and are required to make decisions independent of the governing body of the City Council, city officials, and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas contain procedural safeguards in criminal cases for all defendants, including indigent defendants, and supports the Angleton Municipal Court in complying with such legal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Wright, Mayor of the City of Angleton, Texas, along with the City of Angleton City Council, do hereby proclaim that the week of November 4-8, 2024 is recognized as:

"Municipal Court Week"

PROCLAIMED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2024.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

| John Wright |  |
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| Mayor       |  |