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WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop Texas is known for its rich heritage, hospitality, and a rich harvest of classic Texas folklore; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bastrop, Texas extended an invitation to Evangeline Parish, Louisiana to participate in the City of Bastrop's inaugural Mardi Gras celebration; and

WHEREAS, As the City of Bastrop, Texas Mardi Gras took center stage from February 1, 2024, through February 3, 2024, members of the Evangeline Parish Tourism Board, residents, entertainers, storytellers, and media added their vibrant traditions and rich folklife to this celebration; and

WHEREAS, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, stands as a cultural haven preserving Cajun traditions in the heart of the state; and

WHEREAS, This inaugural "Cultural Exchange" event was a jubilant celebration of Cajun culture and distinctive "Courir de Mardi Gras" customs; and

WHEREAS, our neighbors from Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, showcased their cultural traditions featuring music, dancing, and cuisine; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between the Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, and the City of Bastrop, Texas, afforded an unforgettable Mardi Gras celebration of revelry, culture, and community spirit unfolding in the heart of Bastrop, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lyle Nelson, Mayor of the City of Bastrop, Texas, extend gratitude to the Evangeline Parish Delegation, for bringing the spirit of Mardi Gras to the first inaugural Mardi Gras celebration in the City of Bastrop, Texas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Bastrop, Texas to be affixed this 12th day of March 2024.

Lyle Nelson, Mayor