

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 2 – 8, 2021 AS

"National Travel & Tourism Week"

- **WHEREAS,** the Power of Travel has been a consistent driver of **DRIPPING SPRINGS**' economy and workforce, and
- WHEREAS, a robust travel industry provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.6trillion in economic output in 2019, with \$1.1 trillion spent directly by travelers in the U.S.; and
- **WHEREAS,** travel has been the foundation of a healthy workforce, serving as one of the largest private-sector employers in the U.S., supporting 17 million jobs in 2019; and
- **WHEREAS,** spending by travelers has aided state and local governments alike, generating \$180 billion in tax revenue in2019 to support essential services and programs; and
- WHEREAS, travel and tourism-dependent businesses and organizations, 83% of which are small businesses, are responsible for welcoming visitors from all around the world to explore **DRIPPING SPRINGS** and all our country has tooffer; and
- WHEREAS, last year, the coronavirus pandemic devastated every sector of the travel industry with staggering declines in 2020 compared to 2019, affecting every community in the country, including DRIPPING SPRINGS; and
- WHEREAS, the travel industry cannot recover without the full return of leisure and business travel, as well as meetings and events, by both domestic and international visitors; and
- **WHEREAS,** the rebound of travel will drive the rebuilding of the U.S. economy and American workforce; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Power of Travel will revive *DRIPPING SPRINGS* and *TEXAS* and the United States and drive us forward to a more prosperous future.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas that:

- 1. May 2 8, 2021 be proclaimed as "National Travel & Tourism Week" in the City of Dripping Springs.
- 2. The City Council urges the citizens of Dripping Springs to join in recognizing the critical role this industry plays in the state of Texas.