



**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS  
RECOGNIZING THE ZONE RECORDING STUDIO 'S  
30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND PROCLAIMING MAY 17, 2026, AS  
“THE ZONE RECORDING STUDIO DAY”**

- WHEREAS,** The Zone Recording Studio’s construction was completed in May of 1996, in Dripping Springs, Texas, marking the beginning of a remarkable journey in the heart of the Texas Hill Country; and
- WHEREAS,** in that same month, the studio’s recording equipment was carefully installed and brought to life, culminating in the moment when founder Mike Morgan pressed “record” for the very first time, launching what would become a cornerstone of Texas music history; and
- WHEREAS,** for over three decades, The Zone Recording Studio earned a reputation as one of the most respected and renowned recording studios in the state, known for its welcoming atmosphere, exceptional sound quality, and low-profile presence; and
- WHEREAS,** The Zone Recording Studio has contributed significantly to the preservation and advancement of Texas music, having recorded albums for an extraordinary number of legendary artists, including Joe Ely, Robert Earl Keen, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Jerry Jeff Walker, Terry Allen, Parker McCollum, Jack Ingram, Dave Alvin, and Jimmy Dale Gilmore, and hundreds of others who have helped shape the rich musical heritage of Texas; and
- WHEREAS,** in February 2002, Pat Manske joined Mike Morgan, forming a lasting professional partnership that has in itself become legendary, sustaining a creative environment that has kept the studio active for nearly three hundred days each year; and
- WHEREAS,** together, Mike Morgan and Pat Manske have fostered a legacy of excellence, collaboration, and dedication that has made The Zone Recording Studio a vital contributor to the cultural and artistic identity of Dripping Springs and Texas.

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

1. That May 17, 2026, shall hereafter be known as “The Zone Recording Studio Day” in the City of Dripping Springs.
2. That the City Council recognizes and celebrates the 30th Anniversary of The Zone Recording Studio, honoring its enduring impact on Texas music and its unwavering commitment to artistic excellence.
3. The City Council encourages the citizens of Dripping Springs to congratulate and extend their appreciation for The Zone Recording Studio’s three decades of creativity, culture, and community.

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Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor