



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 4 – 8, 2024, AS
“Municipal Courts Week”**

- WHEREAS,** municipal courts play a significant role in preserving public safety and promoting quality of life in Texas;
- 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;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dripping Springs has hosted the Dripping Springs Municipal Court of Record since 2008;
- WHEREAS,** state law authorizes a municipality to appoint or elect a municipal judge for a term of office, the Municipal Court is a state court, and its judges are members of the state judiciary;
- WHEREAS,** the procedures for the Municipal Court operations are set forth in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and other laws of the State of Texas;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dripping Springs 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 and that judges and court personnel should comply with the law and act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary;
- WHEREAS,** presiding Judge Marilyn Miller is not a policy maker for the City of Dripping Springs but is bound by the law and the Canons of Judicial Conduct and is 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 Municipal Court in complying with such legal requirements.

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

1. That the week of November 4-8, 2024, shall be known as “Municipal Courts Week” in the City of Dripping Springs, Texas.
2. Citizens are encouraged to recognize the fair and impartial justice offered by the Municipal Court of Dripping Springs.
3. The City Council recognizes the service and dedication of the Municipal Court Judge, City Attorney, Deputy City Attorneys, Court Clerk, Court Administrator, and Bailiff.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor