



Proclamation

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HICKORY STICK BBQ AND DECLARING AUGUST 12, 2026 AS “HICKORY STICK BAR-B-Q DAY”

WHEREAS, Hickory Stick Bar-B-Q was founded in 1976 by the late Johnnie Jones and has proudly served Everman and the surrounding region for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant’s tradition continues under the ownership and leadership of Johnnie’s son, Mark Jones, who began working in barbecue at the age of fourteen and has devoted decades to perfecting the preparation and smoking of Hickory Stick’s meats; and

WHEREAS, Hickory Stick Bar-B-Q, has remained committed to the traditions established by its founder, including the use of Johnnie Jones’ original secret sauce recipe, together with quality smoked meats, generous portions, and exceptional customer service; and

WHEREAS, over the course of five decades, Hickory Stick Bar-B-Q has grown from a humble one-room restaurant into a treasured gathering place with multiple dining areas, a patio for special events and celebrations, and catering services that extend its hospitality throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Hickory Stick Bar-B-Q has welcomed generations of loyal customers from Everman, across Texas, throughout the United States, and around the world, many of whom have become part of the Hickory Stick family; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant has earned regional and statewide recognition and has been featured by publications including D Magazine, Fort Worth Weekly, Texas Monthly, Fort Worth Magazine, and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram; and

WHEREAS, Hickory Stick Bar-B-Q is far more than a restaurant, having become a beloved Everman institution, a source of local pride, and an important part of the history, identity, and character of our community; and

WHEREAS, Mark, Marci, and the entire Jones family have been extraordinary partners to the City of Everman, generously supporting community programs, local organizations, civic initiatives, special events, and neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, the City of Everman is proud to recognize the Mark & Marci Jones, family members, employees, customers, and supporters whose hard work and loyalty have contributed to this remarkable fifty-year milestone; and

WHEREAS, August 12, 2026, marks an occasion worthy of celebration and provides an opportunity for the entire community to recognize Hickory Stick Bar-B-Q’s enduring legacy of hospitality, service, partnership, and authentic Texas barbecue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERMAN, TEXAS, that August 12, 2026, is hereby proclaimed as “HICKORY STICK BAR-B-Q DAY” in the City of Everman, Texas, and all residents, business, and community partners are encouraged to join the City in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Hickory Stick Bar-B-Q and honoring its outstanding contributions to Everman and the greater community.


Honorable Mayor Ray Richardson