



Proclamation

TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

FULTON OYSTER DAY

In Honor of the Godinich Family

WHEREAS, the Town of Fulton proudly celebrates its rich maritime heritage and the generations of families whose hard work, traditions, and dedication have helped establish Fulton as a community deeply connected to the bays, seafood industry, and oyster heritage of the Texas Coastal Bend; and

WHEREAS, among those families, Albert “Alby” Godinich and his wife, June Godinich, along with the Godinich family, have made lasting contributions to Fulton’s seafood history through their years of service, business, and commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, through their ownership and operation of Alby’s Seafood beginning in 1983, the Godinich family became a trusted part of Fulton’s seafood industry and played an important role in local traditions, including historically supplying oysters for Fulton’s beloved Oysterfest, helping bring residents and visitors together in celebration of our coastal culture and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Godinich family’s legacy of seafood, hospitality, and service was further enriched through their daughter, Hope Godinich, who graduated with honors from The Art Institute of Atlanta and developed her culinary skills while working at the Atlanta Country Club during her studies, later serving her culinary talents at the Governor’s Mansion; and

WHEREAS, after returning to the Texas Coastal Bend, Hope brought her professional culinary experience back home, working at the Yacht Club before establishing Alby’s Seafood Po-Boys and Catering, where she combined her culinary talents with the seafood traditions and hospitality that have long been part of the Godinich family legacy, sharing the flavors of the Texas coast with residents, visitors, and a wider audience, including a featured appearance on The Day Tripper; and

WHEREAS, throughout her journey, Hope demonstrated a deep commitment to both her craft and her family, and later devoted herself to the care and support of her parents, Alby and June, during their later years—an act of love and selflessness that reflects the very spirit of Fulton, where family, community, and looking after one another are woven into the fabric of who we are; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fulton recognizes the importance of preserving and celebrating the stories of the families who have contributed to our community’s history and proudly honors the Godinich family for their lasting contributions to Fulton’s oyster and seafood heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kelli Cole, Mayor of the Town of Fulton, Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2, 2026, as

FULTON OYSTER DAY

in honor of the Godinich family, recognizing their enduring contributions to Fulton’s seafood heritage and celebrating the legacy of family, hospitality, and coastal tradition they represent.

I encourage the citizens of Fulton to join in celebrating our oyster heritage and recognizing the Godinich family for their lasting contributions to the history, culture, and traditions of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal of the Town of Fulton on May 20, 2026.

Kelli Cole
Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

