

Council,

Today we honor our place and an iconic heritage at the heart of Texas' story.

WHEREAS, Glen Rose, Texas—tucked along the banks of the Paluxy River in Somervell County—stands not only as the home of the International Texas Longhorn Association but as a living crossroads of our past, lying along the historic Chisholm Trail, the route that carried millions of cattle and helped shape the Texas we know today;

WHEREAS, the Texas Longhorn, descended from the hardy stock of colonial New Spain, became the living engine of Texas's early economy. As folklorist J. Frank Dobie declared in his classic book *The Longhorns* 'The Texas Longhorn made more history than any other breed of cattle the civilized world has known.' Dobie also reminded us that 'The Longhorn was...basically Spanish...yet, when he entered upon the epoch of his continent-marking history, he was as Texan as his counterpart, the Texas cowboy';

WHEREAS, novelist Larry McMurtry wrote that English cattle brought to the central plains were poorly suited to the land, but South Texas cattlemen who raised Mexican Longhorns—already adapted to the arid grassland—'did, on the whole, much better';

WHEREAS, historian Ben Green and geographer Terry Jordan chronicled how a pre-Civil War trickle of cattle leaving Texas became a post-war flood, the largest movement of domestic herd animals in world history;

WHEREAS, poet Berta Hart Nance wrote at the beginning of her poem "Cattle," 'Other states were carved or born, Texas grew from hide and horn,' evoking the very sinew of our state's growth;

WHEREAS, historian John E. Rouse captured the global scale of the Longhorn's impact, observing that the protein-rich American diet 'started with the Spanish cow...altering the life, culture, and economy of individuals, empires, nations and continents,' and that the cattle dominion from the Argentine to Canada was built on that Spanish cow;

WHEREAS, for 35 years Glen Rose has preserved and promoted this living heritage through the International Texas Longhorn Association headquartered here, through exhibitions, education, and events that ensure future generations will know the Longhorn not only as a State icon but as a world-changing animal;

WHEREAS, Glen Rose will host the 2025 International Texas Longhorn Association Championship Show & Convention October 8th through 11th;

WHEREAS, the Chisolm Trail Museum is mere miles from Glen Rose, and itself a few miles from Fort Worth: 'Where the West Begins' and home of the famous Fort Worth Stockyards; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Glen Rose—famous for the footsteps of dinosaurs, and also the hoofprints of the Texas Longhorn—along the pathway of the Chisholm Trail, and as the

headquarters of the International Texas Longhorn Association—be recognized by this Legislative body for its singular role in stewarding Texas’s living symbol;

Now therefore, Be It Resolved By the City Council of the City of Glen Rose, Texas:

1. That October 5-11 is hereby proclaimed “International Texas Longhorn Week” in the City of Glen Rose.
2. That the Mayor and City Council encourage all residents, businesses, schools, and visitors to participate in events, educational activities, and celebrations honoring the Texas Longhorn and its place in Texas and world history.
3. That an official copy of this resolution be presented to the International Texas Longhorn Association and entered into the records of the City of Glen Rose as an expression of pride in the City’s heritage and its role as steward of the Texas Longhorn breed.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor, City of Glen Rose

ATTEST:

City Secretary