



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year in March, the American Allegiance for Theatre & Education, the Educational Theatre Association, and the International Thespian Society partner for Theatre In Our Schools Month to raise awareness about the value of theatre education and draw attention to the need for all students to have access to a quality theatre program; and

WHEREAS, theatre is an integral part of arts education and the arts have been part of life from the very beginning and are an inseparable part of the human journey; describing, defining, and deepening the human experience and adding depth and dimension to the environment we live in; and

WHEREAS, all students participating in arts education courses benefit from the skills and processes developed through the arts and apply those skills in a variety of disciplines and settings no matter their intended career path; and

WHEREAS, participating in theatre contributes to student's development through heightened skills in listening, understanding human experiences, adapting to and respecting others' diverse ways of thinking, communicating, effectively analyzing nonverbal communication, reading, self-expression, imagination of humankind, creativity; and

WHEREAS, theatre helps develop self-confidence, boost self-reliance, and increase empathy and compassion towards one's self and others; and

WHEREAS, as a creative outlet, or as the beginning steps toward a professional career, theatre programs in Montgomery shape the future of our young people. There are a variety of benefits that come from taking part in these programs for students of all backgrounds and professional and educational interests, including creative problem solving skills, the ability to accomplish team goals and many more.

NOW, I SARA COUNTRYMAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS, do hereby honor and proclaim the month of March 2025, as **THEATRE IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH** and, on behalf of the City of Montgomery, hereby urge all citizens to celebrate theatre programs and the students that participate in them, as we work toward a better future for this important part of every student's education.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Montgomery, Texas to be affixed this 25th day of March 2025.

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CITY OF MONTGOMERY,

Sara Countryman, Mayor

ATTEST

Ruby Beaven, City Secretary