

A Joint Proclamation

Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas

“Native Plant Week”

Week of April 20, 2020

WHEREAS, native plants are an important part of the natural heritage, history, and identity of Texarkana’s Twin Cities; and

WHEREAS, Texarkana’s bi-state native plants are indigenous to our region, and have adapted and evolved over many years to flourish in the unique geography, hydrology, and microclimates of both SW Arkansas and NE Texas; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,300 native plant species make for a diverse Arkansas state flora, 11 of these species are endemic to Arkansas and found nowhere else in the world, and 5 of these species are federally threatened or endangered; also, more than 5,000 native plant species make for a diverse Texas state flora, 400 of these are endemic to Texas, and 30 of these plant species are federally threatened or endangered; and

WHEREAS, native plants provide high-quality food and shelter for Texarkana’s native wildlife, including birds, butterflies, bees, other pollinators, and both game and nongame species and vitally support resident and migratory birds in our area, many of which are of concern and increasingly threatened by climate change; and

WHEREAS, gardens and landscapes composed of our area’s native plants conserve water, save energy, and reduce pollutants and pesticides in comparison to turf grass; and

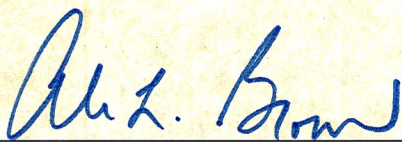
WHEREAS, the National Audubon Society as well as other organizations and businesses, including nurseries and retail-garden centers, work to expand the market for our native plants; and

WHEREAS, by cultivating our area’s native plants, we honor our heritage, sustain the beauty and benefits of our environmental resources, and preserve a natural link to wildland areas both past and present;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we, Allen L. Brown, Mayor of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, and Bob Bruggeman, Mayor of the City of Texarkana, Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of April 20, 2020, as

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in the Twin Cities of Texarkana, and we encourage all citizens to celebrate native plants.

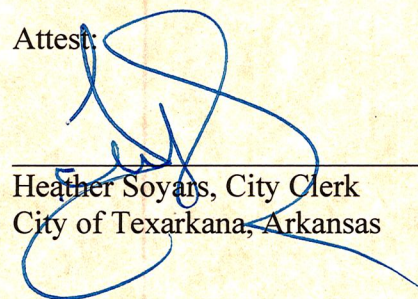


Allen L. Brown, Mayor
City of Texarkana, Arkansas



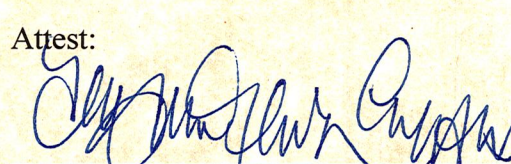
Bob Bruggeman, Mayor
City of Texarkana, Texas

Attest:



Heather Soyars, City Clerk
City of Texarkana, Arkansas

Attest:



Jennifer Evans, City Secretary
City of Texarkana, Texas