

# Proclamation

## Recognizing the 175th Anniversary of the Establishment of Tarrant County

**WHEREAS**, Tarrant County was established on December 20, 1849, by the 3rd Texas Legislature from the Peters Colony; and

**WHEREAS**, Tarrant County was named after General Edward H. Tarrant who led troops in the Battle of Village Creek in 1841 and later that same year established a treaty between the Village Creek native tribes and the Republic of Texas opening the region to settlement; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 6, 1849, Major Ripley Arnold established Camp Worth, a military post on the banks of the Trinity River, which was granted the name Fort Worth on November 14, 1849, by the U. S. War Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Tarrant County held the first county seat election in 1851 and constructed its first permanent brick county courthouse in Fort Worth after the 1860 election; and

**WHEREAS**, B. B. Paddock created the “Tarantula Map” envisioning the county as a major hub for railway lines and the Texas and Pacific Railroad reached Tarrant County in 1876, connecting the county to the rest of the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, after a period of significant growth, Tarrant County completed construction of its current 1895 courthouse, fashioned of pink granite from central Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Tarrant County’s cattle industry, rooted in the early days of settlement, became a driving force in its economy, along with the growth of the oil and gas industry in the 20th century, which shaped the county's development and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, Tarrant County's rich Western heritage and can-do Texas spirit have been key in its transformation from a small agricultural region to a major hub for transportation, aviation, agriculture, education, and tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, Tarrant County became the third most populous county in Texas in 2020 with a population of over 2 million; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, hereby recognize the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Tarrant County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 14th day of January 2025.