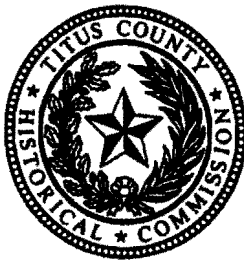


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**Titus County Flag Day
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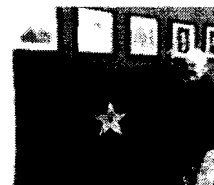
February 3, 2017

TO: Mayor Paul Meriwether; City of Mount Pleasant, Texas

City Council Members

~~_____ Titus County, Texas~~

County Precinct Commissioners



Designed and created by Steve W. Austin

Considered and approved on March 14,
2016; Agenda Item #16, regular business,
Titus County Commissioner's Court

Subject: **Establish Titus County Flag Day**

Requested Observance Date: **March 14, Annually**

Thank you for your consideration;

WHEREAS AND in as much as Titus County has had no documented history of an official County Flag until now, it is requested that the City of Mount Pleasant and the Titus County Commissioner's Court establish and designate **March 14** of each year as **Titus County Flag Day**.

WHEREAS: The Titus County Flag was designed and created by Steve Austin; Chair of the Titus County Historical Commission and Titus County Veteran Service Officer. The prototype 3x5 Flag was presented to the Commissioner's Court on March 14, 2016 and was ITEM #16 on the Agenda. The Commissioner's Court approved the County Flag Prototype by unanimous vote following the presentation.

WHEREAS: The Titus County Flag is unique among those county flags of Texas on record. The rich history of the Texas comes through in the overall design. 1846 denotes the year that Titus County was organized and Mount Pleasant was designated as the County Seat. The Dark Blue field, symbol of Loyalty, the faceted "Lone Star" symbolic of Texas history, centrally located within the County boundaries identifies Mount Pleasant. The points of the "Lone Star" have meaning also. Namesake and pioneer settler, Andrew Jackson Titus and the earliest surveyed roadways established this area as a "hub" of commerce. The East – West points reference the eventual "Broadway of America" Bankhead Highway (US 67), the North and Southwest points reference the "Green Carpet Route"(US 271). The Southeast Point identifies the route to the river port of Jefferson Texas (Texas 49). The White is symbolic of Integrity. Ft. Sherman was established in 1838 for the protection of early pioneers and settlers in this area. The identity of Ft. Sherman was revived in 2013, the Titus County Historical Commission, John Shaffer, Committee Ch., the 175th anniversary of the year of its founding by Col William B. Stout, in dedication to the Texas Commander that originated the Battle Cry-"Remember the Alamo"...

WHEREAS: The Titus County Flag was forwarded to the State Capitol and registered with the Texas Historical Commission, The Texas Senate, The Texas House of Representatives and the Sgt at Arms of the Texas Congress. One of the Titus County Heritage Flags(2x3) was presented to Texas Governor Greg Abbott along with "Get Well Wishes" from the citizens of Titus County following an injury to his legs. He was recovering from this injury at the time he went to Dallas to honor the 5 officers that were ambushed there during 2016. Gov. Abbott's "Thank You" card followed immediately.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that **March 14** shall henceforth be known as **Titus County Flag Day**.

Respectfully Submitted; Steve Austin

Commissioners to consider county flag proposal Monday...



**PROTOTYPE TITUS COUNTY FLAG ON DISPLAY; COURTHOUSE LOBBY
MARCH 7-14, 2016**