

**PROCLAMATION
150TH ANNIVERSARY
CITY OF CUERO**

WHEREAS, DeWitt County, settled in 1825 by Empresario Green DeWitt in a land grant from Mexico for 400 families, held the communities of Clinton, Cameron, and Cuero, was legally established in 1846, and

WHEREAS, in 1871 Gustav Schleicher, John C. French, Charles Terrell, and Fletcher Stockdale formed the Cuero Land & Immigration Co to sell lots in the township and partnered with Charles Morgan to build the Gulf Western Texas and Pacific Railway from Indianola west to San Antonio, and on **March 4, 1873**, the first passenger train arrived in Cuero with many of the passengers buying lots in Cuero with plans to open a business or build a home, and

WHEREAS, in 1873 Morgantown developed on 100 acres of railroad property including an area bordered by Morgan east of Esplanade, was the first residential neighborhood with the second neighborhood, Centennial Town Addition, bordered by Morgan west of Esplanade Streets, and

WHEREAS, in April 1873, the Texas Legislature provided for the election of Mayor, Town Marshal, and five (5) Alderman and a recorder, with the election scheduled for June 1873. Election results Mayor R.J. Jones, G. Schliecher, O.L. Threlkeld, Wm. Housman, C.M. Sherman, and L. Greuss, Town Marshall R.P. Carr and Recorder Bess McCullough; and in 1876 Cuero was named the DeWitt County seat, and (act to incorporate Town of Cuero April, 23, 1873)

WHEREAS, the town of Cuero grew due to the railroad and the exodus of many families from Indianola due to the two hurricanes in 1875 and 1886 with an 1890 population of 2442; in the first three decades of the 1900s, Cuero's growth and prosperity continued based on manufacturing as well as it being an agricultural hub with cotton as the major crop, and

WHEREAS, in the town of Cuero schools, churches, and businesses were established with the town thriving; the town became a major gathering point for ranchers driving their cattle herds north along the Chisholm Trail to market in Kansas and Missouri; the town became known for the production of turkeys and celebrated with a three day event in November known as Turkey Trot which continues today as Cuero Turkeyfest in October; and

WHEREAS, I, Sara Post Meyer, Mayor, and the City Council including John Fuqua, District 1, Terry Glover, District 2, Tony Allen, District 3, Mitch Adams, District 4, Emil Garza, At Large, and Bill Matthys, At Large and Mayor Pro Tempore, declare 2023 as:

CITY OF CUERO'S 150TH BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

in the City of Cuero and encourage all its citizens, businesses, churches, civic groups, and schools to celebrate the Longevity and the Spirit of this community and to participate in Cuero's Birthday and Anniversary events throughout 2023.

Sara Post Meyer, Mayor