

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The city of Mineral Wells has long been associated
2 with activities focused on health and well-being, and in recent
3 years, it has become an increasingly popular destination for
4 travelers seeking wellness experiences; and

5 WHEREAS, Mineral Wells first gained renown as a health resort
6 during the late 1800s and early 1900s, when tourists were drawn by
7 its mineral waters, which were believed to have special medicinal
8 properties; by the 1920s, the town was home to more than 400 mineral
9 wells and numerous therapeutic bathhouses, and bottled water and
10 water crystals from the area were shipped throughout the nation;
11 today, visitors can still enjoy mineral baths and spa treatments
12 inspired by those that gave rise to the city's historic motto: "the
13 South's Greatest Health Resort"; and

14 WHEREAS, While Mineral Wells draws inspiration from its rich
15 past, it also caters to the needs of health-conscious travelers in
16 the 21st century; the local wellness industry has enjoyed a
17 resurgence in recent years as the city has worked toward securing
18 designation as a Wellness Tourism Destination; in order to receive
19 this coveted title, a community is required to meet a number of
20 criteria outlined by the Wellness Tourism Association with an
21 emphasis on health, safety, cleanliness, sustainability, and
22 natural beauty; and

23 WHEREAS, Located in the hilly terrain of the Palo Pinto
24 Mountains, the Mineral Wells area offers numerous locations to

1 enjoy the outdoors, including the Brazos River, Possum Kingdom
2 Lake, and the Clark Gardens Botanical Park; in addition, the city
3 boasts a variety of recreational opportunities at Lake Mineral
4 Wells State Park, the Texas Frontier Trails, and Mineral Wells
5 Fossil Park, where visitors can enjoy such activities as hiking,
6 cycling, canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, paddleboarding, and
7 horseback riding; and

8 WHEREAS, A range of businesses have been established in
9 Mineral Wells that are popular with wellness travelers, among them,
10 yoga studios and markets featuring goods from local artisans and
11 fresh produce from area farmers and growers; such enterprises
12 reflect the growing importance of tourism to the city's economy;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Through its burgeoning wellness industry and its
15 abundance of natural attractions, Mineral Wells is building on its
16 heritage as one of the Lone Star State's premier destinations for
17 wellness getaways and elevating its reputation as a haven for both
18 recreation and relaxation; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby designate Mineral Wells as the official Wellness Capital of
21 Texas; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
23 [391.003](#)(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
24 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
25 passed by the legislature.

Rogers

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 4 was adopted by the House on April 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 4 was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor