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H.C.R. No. 75

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1       WHEREAS, Municipal courts provide the citizens of the Lone  
2 Star State with a local forum where questions of law and fact can be  
3 resolved in regard to alleged violations of state law and municipal  
4 ordinances; and

5       WHEREAS, Because citizens come into contact with municipal  
6 courts more often than any other type of court, the administration  
7 of justice at the municipal level plays a large part in influencing  
8 the public's overall impression of the Texas judicial system; and

9       WHEREAS, Judges of the municipal courts function also as  
10 magistrates for the State of Texas, and in that role they perform  
11 such duties as issuing search and arrest warrants, giving  
12 magistrate warnings, and setting bail for offenses ranging from  
13 petty theft to murder; and

14       WHEREAS, Pledging to be impartial and to conform to the  
15 standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, our state's  
16 municipal court employees work diligently to ensure the fair  
17 administration of justice while upholding the rigorous standards of  
18 professionalism; and

19       WHEREAS, In addition to judges, municipal courts are staffed  
20 by clerks, court administrators, prosecutors, juvenile case  
21 managers, bailiffs, and warrant officers; these dedicated  
22 individuals continually strive to improve court operations by  
23 participating in judicial education programs, seminars, workshops,  
24 and the annual meetings of their state and local professional

1 organizations; and

2 WHEREAS, Municipal courts in Texas play a vital role in  
3 preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life for area  
4 residents, and deterring future criminal behavior, and it is indeed  
5 fitting to recognize municipal judges and court support personnel  
6 for their exemplary dedication to the communities they serve; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
9 hereby designate the first week of November as Municipal Courts  
10 Week; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section  
12 [391.004](#)(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect  
13 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally  
14 passed by the legislature.