

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.C.R. No. 75
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 16, 2023, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 16, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Municipal courts provide the citizens of the Lone
1-17 Star State with a local forum where questions of law and fact can be
1-18 resolved in regard to alleged violations of state law and municipal
1-19 ordinances; and

1-20 WHEREAS, Because citizens come into contact with municipal
1-21 courts more often than any other type of court, the administration
1-22 of justice at the municipal level plays a large part in influencing
1-23 the public's overall impression of the Texas judicial system; and

1-24 WHEREAS, Judges of the municipal courts function also as
1-25 magistrates for the State of Texas, and in that role they perform
1-26 such duties as issuing search and arrest warrants, giving
1-27 magistrate warnings, and setting bail for offenses ranging from
1-28 petty theft to murder; and

1-29 WHEREAS, Pledging to be impartial and to conform to the
1-30 standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, our state's
1-31 municipal court employees work diligently to ensure the fair
1-32 administration of justice while upholding the rigorous standards of
1-33 professionalism; and

1-34 WHEREAS, In addition to judges, municipal courts are staffed
1-35 by clerks, court administrators, prosecutors, juvenile case
1-36 managers, bailiffs, and warrant officers; these dedicated
1-37 individuals continually strive to improve court operations by
1-38 participating in judicial education programs, seminars, workshops,
1-39 and the annual meetings of their state and local professional
1-40 organizations; and

1-41 WHEREAS, Municipal courts in Texas play a vital role in
1-42 preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life for area
1-43 residents, and deterring future criminal behavior, and it is indeed
1-44 fitting to recognize municipal judges and court support personnel
1-45 for their exemplary dedication to the communities they serve; now,
1-46 therefore, be it

1-47 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-48 hereby designate the first week of November as Municipal Courts
1-49 Week; and, be it further

1-50 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
1-51 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
1-52 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
1-53 passed by the legislature.

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