

PROCLAMATION

FORNEY



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Whereas, thirty years ago, on November 17, 1990, City Hall and the Layden Center burned to the ground – a total loss; and

Whereas, the City Council commends the Council that was in place at the time of the fire and all the staff and volunteers that worked hard to plan and have constructed the building that we now occupy. Council Members at that time were William Tennon, Ken Leonard, Pat Adams, Don Scott and Mark Lacey, and the Mayor was Don Cates. James McConnell was City Manager and Kim Heavner worked with the Layden Center and was instrumental in helping to obtain the Meadows Foundation Grant; and

Whereas, at the time there was no formal recognition of the actions of our firefighters; and

Whereas, the City Council desires to recognize the following firefighters for their professionalism and courage going above and beyond their call of duty -- Charles Buster, Pat Dennehy, Steve Cunningham, Gary Stephens and Chuck Tedder – they made entry into the burning building to see what the conditions were like and if an offensive attack was possible; and

Whereas, the entire 1990 Fire Department should also be recognized for their diligence in fighting the fire and being sure that it was completely out, which took place over a two to three-day time period; firefighters include Michael Adams, James Barkham, Ricky Barnes, Charles Buster, Larry Byford, Randy Cannaday, James Cunningham, Richard Cunningham, Billy Curry, John Darden, Donald Dennehy, Thomas Johnson, Charles Kelly, C. McCuiston, Phillip Minshew, George Nichols, Darrell Penny, Mickey Pyle, Paul Riggs, James Roland, Robert Roland, Mickey Rouvaldt, Gary Stephens, Chuck Tedder, James Townsend, David Tune, Jesse Wood and Johnny Wortham.

Therefore, I, Mary Penn, Mayor of the City of Forney, on behalf of the City Council, commend all the firefighters who put their lives on the line fighting the fire that destroyed City Hall and do hereby proclaim **November 17, 2020**, as the 30th Anniversary of that fire.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand
and
official seal this 17th day of November, 2020.

Mary Penn, Mayor