



City of El Campo PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, municipal courts play a significant role in preserving public safety and promoting quality of life in Texas; and

WHEREAS, more people come in contact with municipal courts than all other Texas courts combined, and public impression of the Texas judicial system is largely dependent upon the public's experience in municipal court; and

WHEREAS, state law authorizes a municipality to either appoint or elect a municipal judge for a term of office, the City of El Campo Municipal Court is a state court and its judge is a member of the state judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the procedures for the City of El Campo Municipal Court operations are set forth in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and other laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Campo Municipal Court is committed to the notion that our legal system is based on the principle that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us and that judges and court personnel should comply with the law and act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Judge is not policy a maker for the City of El Campo but are bound by the law and the Canons of Judicial Conduct and are required to make decisions independent of the governing body of the City Council, city officials, and employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas contain procedural safeguards in criminal cases for all defendants, including indigent defendants, and supports the City of El Campo Municipal Court in complying with such legal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Mayor Randy Collins and the City Council of the City of El Campo proclaim November 5th – 9th, 2018, to be:

MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK

**“Recognizing the Importance of Municipal Courts, the Rule of the Law,
And the Fair and Impartial Administration of Justice Offered to All Our Citizens.”**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of El Campo to be affixed this the 22nd day of October 2018.

CITY OF EL CAMPO

Randy Collins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Hollingsworth, City Secretary