



Office of the Mayor

P r o c l a m a t i o n

WHEREAS, Shell Oil Company purchased land in Deer Park in 1928, where surveyors found a broken headstone, reassembled it, and maintained it as a gravesite; and

WHEREAS, the headstone was close to the site of the Battle of San Jacinto where Texas won its independence from Mexico in 1836; and

WHEREAS, the 1834 headstone, located close to Buffalo Bayou, predates the Battle of San Jacinto; and

WHEREAS, the headstone bears the names of two siblings, Mary W. Jackson and William Wilson; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 the Texas Historical Commission gave permission to move the headstone and a small cement casket of earth to Dow Park in the City of Deer Park; and

WHEREAS, the 186-year-old headstone is Deer Park's oldest artifact that reflects the history of Deer Park, as well as the history of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the historical marker presents a glimpse of settlers in Texas in the 1830's and commemorates early Deer Park settlers.

WHEREAS, NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jerry Mouton, City of Deer Park, along with the City Council, hereby proclaim the 20th day of October, 2020 as:

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“Early Deer Park Settlers Day”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Deer Park to be affixed hereto this twentieth day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty, A.D.

**Jerry Mouton, Mayor
City of Deer Park, Texas**