



Office of the Mayor

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



Travel is...essential to Texas

Whereas, the Travel industry fuels every industry and will continue to be an essential part of Texas' economy, development and workforce; and

Whereas, travel is an economic powerhouse for every state and destination across the country, with an economic output of \$3 trillion, supporting 15 million American jobs.

Whereas, travel spending supports vibrant and safe communities in Texas and across the United States by generating \$92 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2025 to support essential services, such as education, emergency response, public safety and more; and

Whereas, travel enables success for all industries, including manufacturing, agriculture, defense, healthcare and more, by driving sales growth, innovation, education and operations that move our economy, our nation, and Deer Park, and

Whereas, in 2025, Deer Park generated \$80.0M in direct travel spending and \$25.3M in direct earnings, reflecting a 1.6% increase in earnings; and

Whereas, the travel and tourism industry supported 500 local jobs and contributed \$9.6M in total tax revenue, comprised of 57.9% state and 42.1% local tax receipts; and

Whereas, America's travel industry cannot be globally competitive without maximizing growth in leisure, business, and international inbound travelers; increasing travel to and within the United States drives our economy to a more prosperous future and connects America; and

Whereas, small businesses account for more than 60% of leisure and hospitality employment; and

Whereas, travel is an essential industry, and we must continue to communicate that growing travel leads to economic growth, benefits businesses and fosters mutual understanding, and connects the nation.

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Jerry Mouton do hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2026 as

“National Travel and Tourism Week”

in Deer Park, Texas, and urge the citizens of Deer Park to join me in recognizing the essential role this industry plays in the Deer Park and the State of Texas.

**Jerry L. Mouton Jr., Mayor
City of Deer Park, Texas**