



Office of the Mayor

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

WHEREAS, Deer Park was founded December 20, 1892 by Simeon Henry West, a native of Illinois. Although West was a statesman in Illinois, he became an aggressive pioneer in Texas, pursuing his dream of creating a city. Envisioning the area to be an excellent location for a town, he named it Deer Park after the large number of deer that roamed the gulf coast; and

WHEREAS, as settlers arrived from the North to build homes and establish farms, West built a hotel and a post office in 1893. West granted the land for the first railroad through Deer Park for the amount of one dollar. He built a wharf on Buffalo Bayou. He reserved rights for water, street cars, telephone and electric utility lines, and named streets. Luella, P Street and X Street are the only original streets remaining today; and

WHEREAS, Deer Park voted to incorporate as a general law city on December 11, 1948. The population had reached 750. On January 22, 1949 the citizens of Deer Park elected five aldermen, a Mayor and a City Marshal; and

WHEREAS, Deer Park's first Mayor was Earl Dunn followed by Charles Pierce, Earl Dunn, Jimmie Walker, W.A. Carpenter, Earl Dunn, W. Bill Black, Robert Linberger, Jimmy Burke, Wayne Riddle, and Jerry Mouton; and

WHEREAS, Deer Park, a ten square mile city located in Harris County, is today a thriving city whose location affords its citizens the opportunity to live and work in a city with the feel of a small community but with the amenities of the big city close at hand; and

WHEREAS, Deer Park will celebrate its 125th Anniversary this year, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JERRY MOUTON, Mayor of the City of Deer Park, along with City Council, do hereby proclaim the year 2017 as:

"DEER PARK'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR"

and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this special time to celebrate during the activities planned throughout the year.

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 seventeenth day of January, Two Thousand and Seventeen, A.D.

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