RESOLUTION No. 2026-07R, Municipal Courts Week

IN RECOGNITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK

November 2nd – 6th, 2026

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MUNICIPAL COURTS, THE RULE OF LAW, AND THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

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

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;

WHEREAS, the City of Tool is the host of the Tool Municipal Court;

WHEREAS, state law authorizes a municipality to either appoint or elect a municipal judge for a term of office, the Tool Municipal Court is a state-mandated court and its judges are members of the state judiciary;

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

WHEREAS, the City of Tool 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;

WHEREAS, Tool Municipal Judges are not policy makers for the City of Tool 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;

WHEREAS, the Tool 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 Tool Municipal Court in complying with such legal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOOL, TEXAS:

THAT THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2nd – 6th, 2026 IS HEREBY RECOGNIZED AS MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK IN RECOGNITION OF THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL JUSTICE OFFERED TO OUR CITIZENS BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF TOOL.

AND, IT IS SO RESOLVED.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026.

Vera Bennett

Vera Bennett, Mayor

CITY OF TOOL HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

Attest:

Kimberley Price, City Secretary