

*(Template Proclamation For Personalization And Use By North Texas  
Community Cleanup Challenge Participant Cities/Towns/Counties)*

**[CITY/TOWN/COUNTY]  
STATE OF TEXAS  
By [His/Her] Honor  
[NAME OF MAYOR/COUNTY COUNCIL OR COMMISSIONER]**

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**SUPPORT OF NORTH TEXAS COMMUNITY CLEANUP CHALLENGE MONTHS**

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**WHEREAS,** the EPA has identified that approximately 80% of litter found in the marine environment as originating from land-based sources, and

**WHEREAS,** Litter is a problem affecting the beauty and health of communities throughout the state of Texas, impacting our environment by polluting our land and waterbodies, and

**WHEREAS,** Identifying solutions to pollution in Texas bays and the ocean has been a focus of statewide importance, and

**WHEREAS,** The streams, rivers, and lakes in North Central Texas are used for recreation and as our drinking water sources, and

**WHEREAS,** Trash and litter that finds its way into waterways poses a threat to wildlife, the health of local waterbodies, our community, residents, and visitors, and

**WHEREAS,** The cleanup of litter and illegal dumping is a costly expense to local governments as a 2016 study of nine Texas communities representing approximately 25 percent of the state population revealed a price tag of approximately \$50 million spent annually in these communities to address to address litter and illegal dumping, and

**WHEREAS,** Residents, businesses, community groups, and service organizations are seeking ways to help be part of the solution through education, collaboration and volunteer participation in litter cleanup events and activities, and

**WHEREAS,** The North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge encourages residents, businesses, community groups and service organizations in the North Central Texas region to participate in fighting the problem of litter through

participation in a regional cleanup challenge to be held during the months of March through May, and

**WHEREAS,** The [City/Town/County] declares it’s support of the North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge regional initiatives and will encourage it’s residents, businesses, community groups, and service organizations to participate and will promote the North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge campaign to improve participation in litter cleanup activities, which directly keeps our local communities and drinking water sources clean and healthy.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** I, (BLANK), [Mayor/City Council/Commissioner], of the [City/Town/County], Texas, do hereby recognize the months of March through May 20XX as

**“NORTH TEXAS COMMUNITY CLEANUP CHALLENGE MONTHS”**

in the [City/Town/County] and commit to encouraging all residents, businesses, community groups, and service organizations to participate by engaging in litter cleanup events and activities during these months

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we hereto set our hands and cause the Seal of [City/Town/County], Texas to be affixed on [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

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**(BLANK), Mayor/City Manager/City Administrator/Commissioner of the [City/Town/County]**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(BLANK), City Secretary/Clerk**