

"Barrel Racing Capital of Texas"


A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LLANO, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND REQUESTING THAT THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE DESIGNATE THE CITY OF LLANO, TEXAS, AS THE "BARREL RACING CAPITAL OF TEXAS"

- Whereas,** the City of Llano, Texas, has quickly become known informally as the Barrel Racing Capital of Texas, with a 200% increase in the number of barrel races held at the John L. Kuykendall Event Center and Arena ("JLK Arena") between 2016 to 2020; and
- Whereas,** the number of barrel racing days per year inside the JLK Arena has gone from 50 races in 2016 to 120 in 2020, with an estimated 150 scheduled for 2021. This doesn't include the approximately 2-3 days each week of members practicing barrel racing at the JLK Arena; and
- Whereas,** the JLK Arena has become known as the safest arena in Texas to hold barrel races among those in the industry. Where most arenas recognize 1-2 slips per race, only two slips occurred at the JLK Arena in the past five years related to footing; and
- Whereas,** in 2016 the JLK Arena was awarded the Justin Boots Best Footing Award from the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, World Championship Barrel Racing, and
- Whereas,** the Llano Chamber of Commerce estimates that the economic impact from barrel racers in Llano, Texas, is in excess of \$1,000,000 per year in sales of food, fuel, drink, merchandise sales and hotel/motel rentals; and
- Whereas,** the City of Llano, its residents, and most importantly its barrel racers, have earned this recognition and would be honored to receive the designation from the Texas Legislature.

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


1. The City Council does hereby formally request that the Texas Legislature Designate the City of Llano as the "Barrel Racing Capital of Texas".
- 2) That the City Council directs and designates the Mayor as the City's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all manners in connection with this request.
- 3) The City Secretary is hereby instructed to enter this document into the permanent records of the City of Llano.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th of December, 2020.



Gail Lang
Mayor

ATTEST:



Erica Berry, TRMC
City Secretary