

IN RECOGNITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK

November 5-9, 2018

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

WHEREAS, the procedures for the Van Alstyne 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 Van Alstyne 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, the Van Alstyne Municipal Judge is not a policy maker for the City of Van Alstyne but is bound by the law and the Canons of Judicial Conduct and is required to make decisions independent of the governing body of the City Council, city officials, and employees;


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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VAN ALSTYNE, TEXAS THAT THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5-9, 2018 IS HEREBY RECOGNIZED AS MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK IN RECOGNITION OF THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL JUSTICE OFFERED TO OUR CITIZENS BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF VAN ALSTYNE.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.


Steve Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Gould, City Clerk

