***PROCLAMATION***

***No. 2014-53***

***WHEREAS*** *January 11, 2014 marked the one hundred and seventieth anniversary of the Forrest Masonic Lodge No. 19; and*

***WHEREAS*** *the Lodge has faithfully and fraternally served the community of Huntsville, as most of its members reside locally and take pride in participating in area activities and projects; and*

***WHEREAS*** *the Lodge provides three scholarships every year to graduating high school students, and students of high learning, to further their educations, and is a supporter of the Huntsville Public Library and other needy organizations in Huntsville; and*

***WHEREAS*** *Freemasons have served and sacrificed in founding and building the great State of Texas, including every President and Vice-President of the Republic of Texas, including Sam Houston, who was a member of Forrest Lodge No. 19.*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED****, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, that*

***SEPTEMBER 20, 2014***

*be designated as:* ***Forrest Masonic Lodge No. 19 Day***

*in Huntsville, Texas, and urge all citizens to participate in observance of this historic event in honor of those who have served in the Lodge over the last 170 years.*

***PROCLAIMED AND SIGNED*** *this the 20th day of September 2014.*

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 *Mac Woodward, Mayor*