***PROCLAMATION***

***NO. 2014-30***

***WHEREAS*** *April is the birth month of Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the first American manual of parliamentary procedure in 1801, it is an appropriate time to celebrate the use of parliamentary procedure; and*

***WHEREAS*** *it is fitting to honor Henry Martyn Robert, author of Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies, now known as Robert’s Rules of Order; and*

***WHEREAS*** *Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised is the most widely recognized and used parliamentary authority in public and private organizations; and*

***WHEREAS*** *it is timely to reflect upon the importance of parliamentary procedure in providing for civil discourse, protecting individual rights, ensuring fairness, and in maintaining order in meetings.*

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

***April 2014***

*be declared:* ***PARLIAMENTARY LAW MONTH***

*in the City of Huntsville and call upon our citizens to join the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians in bringing parliamentary leadership to organizations and societies with which they are involved.*

***PROCLAIMED AND SIGNED this the 15th day of April 2014.***

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 *Mac Woodward, Mayor*