**WHEREAS,** United States military personnel serve at a crucial hour in history, answering the call to serve our Nation on the front lines as we continue to fight terrorism and promote peace and freedom andmany of our heroes come home wounded and in need of healing, but require the assistance of others to overcome the obstacles they face; and

**WHEREAS,** **Ride 2 Recovery,** produced by the Fitness Challenge in partnership with the Military and VA Volunteer Service Office, raises money to support cycling programs at military and VA locations throughout the United States and Europe to assist our heroes and cycling is an activity that helps speed up the recovery process, no matter the disability; and

**WHEREAS,**  **Ride 2 Recovery** boasts four main programs–Challenges, Honor Ride, Project HERO and special events–and will be conducting its **8th Annual** **Texas Challenge,** leaving Houston on April 19, and will be entering Tomball on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at approximately 9:30 a.m. en route to the final destination in Ft. Worth on April 25; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Tomball wishes to honor these participants, who will push themselves to the limit, physically and mentally, as four groups of riders enter Tomball and stop at the **Tomball Depot** before continuing their journey to College Station; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Tomball urges as many citizens as possible to join together at the Depot and along Main Street on **Sunday, April 19**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. to cheer our veterans as they cycle through our City, demonstrating our support, prayers and hopes for them, and encouraging them as they continue to give their all and honoring their commitment to our country and their legacy of patriotism and sacrifice;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, GRETCHEN FAGAN**, **Mayor of the City of Tomball**, on behalf of the Tomball City Council and all citizens hereof, do hereby proclaim **Sunday, April 19, 2015**, as:

***“RIDE 2 RECOVERY 8TH ANNUAL TEXAS CHALLENGE” DAY***

***TOMBALL, TEXAS***