PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Read’s Food Store was founded in 1925 by J.I. Read across the street from its current location and moved to 515 E. Texas Avenue where it has operated out of the same historic building; and

**WHEREAS,** Jim and Teri Read, Grandson of J.I Read, now run the store with their son Justin Read and continue the tradition of excellent customer service and still maintain the atmosphere of Read’s Food Store past; and

**WHEREAS,** Reads Food Store is a well-established, Texas-owned-and-operated business that has long contributed to the local economy, and generated state and local tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS,** the Texas Treasure Business Award program pays tribute to businesses that have provided employment opportunities and support to the state’s economic growth and prosperity for 50 years or more.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I Leonard Williams, Mayor of the City of Mart, Texas, along with the entire City Council, extend to Read’s Food Store our sincere congratulations on receiving the ***Texas Treasure Business Award*** from the Texas Historical Commission and may this recognition serve to increase your success for many years to come.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Mart, Texas, to be affixed this 17th day of April, 2014.

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Leonard Williams, Mayor

City of Mart, Texas