

Office of the Mayor

Tomball, Texas

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** the **Spring Creek Park Cemetery** had its beginning on February 23, 1884, when Henry Scherer sold 6.6 acres of his farm homestead to the local West Chappel Methodist Episcopal Church of Spring Creek, an African-American organization; and

**WHEREAS,** Henry Scherer's desire was to promote public morality and religion and it was common knowledge that the land was to be used for a Church building and cemetery; and

**WHEREAS,** located on a high hill adjoining the northeast corner of north Harris County's Spring Creek Park, the majority of its northern and western boundaries follow the meanderings of Spring Creek; and

**WHEREAS,** although the Church was never erected, a number of burials took place over a period of approximately 85 years, and on July 6, 1969, Harris County and West Chappel Methodist Episcopal Church entered into an agreement allowing Harris County to acquire the property; and

**WHEREAS,** preservation of this historical site provides an opportunity to remind the community of its local cultural heritage;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRETCHEN FAGAN,** Mayor of the City of Tomball, on behalf of the Tomball City Council, do hereby proclaim **Wednesday, February 26, 2014,** as:

## **"WEST CHAPPEL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CEMETERY AND SPRING CREEK PARK CEMETERY " DAY**

and encourage all citizens in the City of Tomball and the surrounding area to participate in honoring our heritage.



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_