

# Resolution

**WHEREAS**, since August 4, 1790, the United States Coast Guard has safeguarded the American people and promoted national security, border security, and economic prosperity in a complex and evolving maritime environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coast Guard is the principal Federal agency responsible for maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship in U.S. ports and inland waterways, along more than 95,000 miles of U.S. coastline; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coast Guard's Sector Houston-Galveston supports a wide range of Coast Guard operations including marine environmental protection, aids to navigation, ports, waterways, law enforcement, and search and rescue in an area that encompasses 5 of the 20 busiest ports to include the Ports of Houston, Beaumont, Lake Charles, Texas City, Port Arthur, Freeport, and Galveston as well as 247 miles of Gulf Intracoastal Waterways – collectively accounting for 25% of the total U.S. tonnage by ships and contributing over 1 trillion to nation's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past year, the Sector Houston-Galveston conducted over 4,700 regulatory inspections and 325 search and rescue cases that saved or assisted 480 lives and protected \$12 million in property, effectively supporting law enforcement and the Houston Ship Channel's Security District; and

**WHEREAS**, Captain Jason Smith assumed the duties of Commander, Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston on June 12, 2020. As Sector Commander, Captain Smith serves as Captain of the Port, Officer-in-Charge of Marine Inspection, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, and Federal OnScene Coordinator and coordinates maritime safety and security, environmental protection, search and rescue, waterways management, and contingency planning operations for the navigable waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, that August 4th is celebrated nationally as Coast Guard Day to honor the establishment on that day in 1790 of the Revenue Cutter Service, forebear of today's Coast Guard, by the Treasury Department, which authorized the building of a fleet of ten cutters, whose responsibility would be enforcement of the first tariff laws enacted by Congress under the Constitution: now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Harris County Commissioners Court proclaims Saturday, August 4, 2022, as

## Coast Guard Day

in Harris County, Texas.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 2nd day of August 2022.

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**LINA HIDALGO**, County Judge

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**RODNEY ELLIS**, Commissioner  
Precinct One

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**ADRIAN GARCIA**, Commissioner  
Precinct Two

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**TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E.**, Commissioner  
Precinct Three

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**R. JACK CAGLE**, Commissioner  
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

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Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk  
Harris County, Texas