

WHEREAS, Harris County will host the 16th annual Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Rodeo at the Harris County Fire and Sheriff's Training Academy in Humble, Texas on Saturday, February 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the CERT Rodeo will draw CERT trained individuals and teams from across Texas where they will compete in a series of practice exercises designed to enhance CERT members' life-saving skills; and

WHEREAS, skills such as search and rescue, basic medical procedures, triage, and CERT team organization will be evaluated and scored by professional first responders allowing participants to assess their own skills as well as that of their team; and

WHEREAS, through CERT, a component of the Harris County Citizen Corps, residents contribute to a stronger and safer community through volunteerism and training that consists of an 8-week disaster preparedness course taught by professional first responders; and

WHEREAS, Harris County Citizen Corps partners: ARRL South Texas ARES District 14, American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Civil Air Patrol, CERT, Crisis Chaplaincy of America, Fire Corps, Gore Masters, Houston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, Houston Food Bank, Interfaith Ministries, Medical Reserve Corps, RSVP of the Texas Gulf Coast, Salvation Army, Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University, TEXSAR, United Way, National CERT Association, National Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Police Service, and Volunteer Houston, along with the sponsors Rotary Club of University Area Houston, Waste Management, and The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3903 Rosenberg, have helped to make the 16th annual Harris County CERT Rodeo possible; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Harris County Commissioners Court hereby designates Saturday, February 18, 2023, as the 16th annual

## **CERT RODEO DAY**

in Harris County, Texas, and urges all residents to prepare, train and volunteer today with their local CERT program and promote "doing the most good for the most people" without putting oneself in harm's way.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes on Commissioners Court this 31st day of January, 2023.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner Precinct Two

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

**LESLEY BRIONES**, Commissioner Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk Harris County, Texas