

Office of the Mayor
Tomball, Texas

Proclamation



- WHEREAS,** the mission of the American Business Women's Association, founded on September 22, 1949 by Mr. Hilary A. Bufton, Jr. and three businesswomen in Kansas City, Missouri, is to bring together business women of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition; and
- WHEREAS,** American Business Women's Day was initiated in 1982 by the American Business Women's Association as a national day on which Americans could recognize the achievements of not only Association members, but also those of the more than 54 million employed women in the United States, and in both 1983 and 1986, joint Congressional Resolutions were passed designating a national observance of September 22 as American Business Women's Day and following both of said Resolutions, President Ronald Reagan issued a similar Presidential proclamation; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Business Women's Association celebrated 60 years in 2009 and continues to thrive each day, and local members attend ABWA's National Women's Leadership Conference each September to commemorate National American Business Women's Day on the 22nd with thousands of other women; and
- WHEREAS,** there are more than 90,000 active members in over 1,600 chapters of this organization throughout the country, including the Tomball Charter Chapter, which was formed in Tomball in July, 1994, chartering with 47 women, and joining a network of women across the nation that were 90,000 women strong; and
- WHEREAS,** over the past 17 years, the Tomball Chapter has given thousands of dollars in scholarships to women of various ages and various stages in their lives, has actively participated in the community through its involvement in the Holiday parade, The Regional Arts Council Art Walks and Shows, Tomball Night, Centennial events, and many other events.
- WHEREAS,** the Tomball Chapter of ABWA is a robust Tomball organization, meeting the second Thursday evening each month and always having an open door for newcomers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Fagan, Mayor of the City of Tomball, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 22, 2011:

**"TOMBALL CHARTER CHAPTER
AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DAY"**



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

ATTEST: *Don Spier*

DATE: *September 15, 2011*