

Office of the Mayor
Tomball, Texas

Proclamation



WHEREAS, the service provided by pastors and their families is unique—they safeguard the spiritual well-being of the members of their congregations and reach out to the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, pastors invest themselves and the majority of their family's lives in the ministry, facing the pressure of sometimes unrealistic expectations to be the "ideal role model" for their congregation, to be available whenever a member needs assistance, to have all the answers, and to provide counseling, comfort, and instruction under intense pressure to "be right"; and

WHEREAS, because a pastor represents many things to a congregation—leader, spiritual guide, visionary, shepherd, overseer, teacher, and preacher—the month of **October** is set aside as **Pastor Appreciation Month** and the second Sunday in October is designated as **Pastor Appreciation Day**; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Tomball community to set aside a special time to recognize and affirm the blessings Tomball area pastors are to their congregations:

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." (Jeremiah 3:15, KJV).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRETCHEN FAGAN, MAYOR of the City of Tomball, Texas, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 14, 2014, as:

"PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY"

and encourage everyone to reach out to his/her spiritual leader with personal expressions of positive affirmation and appreciation.



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

ATTEST:

DATE:

[Signature]

Nori Speer

October 14, 2014