Office of the Mayor

## Tomball, Texas

## Proclamation



- WHEREAS the SPECIAL OLYMPICS showcases the courage and perseverance of the human spirit, challenging millions of people with disabilities to set high goals, always try their best, and embody the Special Olympics Athlete Oath "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt"; and
- WHEREAS the SPECIAL OLYMPICS' mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, providing continuous opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and share skills, gifts, and fellowship with fellow athletes, their families, and the community; and
- WHEREAS law enforcement officers serve as the "Guardians of the Flame," the TOMBALL POLICE DEPARTMENT will participate in the SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN as it proceeds from Houston to Arlington and will carry the "FLAME OF HOPE" through a portion of the City of Tomball on Wednesday, May 21, 2014; and
- WHEREAS the TORCH RUN will begin in downtown Houston and arrive in Tomball, meeting at the Tomball Depot at approximately 9:15 a.m., where participants in the TORCH RUN will proceed, escorted by a rolling barricade, through the City and returning to the Tomball Depot at approximately 9:45 a.m.; and
- **WHEREAS** the City of Tomball wishes to support the SPECIAL OLYMPICS and honor those volunteers and athletes who participate in year-round sports training and athlete competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in 150 countries around the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRETCHEN FAGAN**, Mayor of the City of Tomball, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 21, 2014, as:

## "TOMBALL SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY - 2014."



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

DATE: May 13, 2014