

Office of the Mayor
Tomball, Texas

Proclamation



- WHEREAS,** the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 sometimes referred to as "The Second War for American Independence" officially begins on June 18, 2012; and
- WHEREAS,** the sacrifices by those soldiers, citizens and their families that fought in the War of 1812, further defended the liberties previously won in the American Revolution; and
- WHEREAS,** those sacrifices included heroic efforts by Dolly Madison to save some of our National treasures from destruction during the burning of the White House by the British in 1814; and
- WHEREAS,** the conflict and bravery shown would inspire Francis Scott Key to write a poem describing the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor and the said writings would become our country's National Anthem, known as the Star Spangled Banner; and
- WHEREAS,** General Andrew Jackson helped win a stunning victory over the British in the Battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815 that further solidified the United States independence from Great Britain; and
- WHEREAS,** descendents of some of the veterans of the War of 1812 in the state of Texas are members of the Thomas Bay Chapter #350 NSUSD of 1812; whose primary purpose is to promote a more general awareness of the history of said war throughout this state and among the citizens of this nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tomball, on behalf of the Tomball City Council and all citizens hereof, I do hereby proclaim **Monday, June 18, 2012** as:

"200th Anniversary of the Beginning of the War of 1812"

and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens, encouraging all citizens of our city to observe a Moment of Remembrance on this anniversary and ask its citizens to fly their United States Flag on this day.



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

ATTEST:

DATE:

[Signature]
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April 23, 2012