

Resolution No. 2024-12

**A Resolution Recognizing the 67th Annual Pelham Homecoming in Navarro County, Texas**

**WHEREAS**, Pelham, Texas, a small yet historically rich community of about 50 people spread over 5,000 acres in Navarro County, has been a beacon of resilience, heritage, and culture since its establishment by formerly enslaved African Americans after 1866; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pelham community has celebrated its heritage annually through its homecoming, a tradition that has endured for 67 years, serving as a significant event that strengthens the bonds among current and former residents, and their descendants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pelham Historical Museum, originally built in 1890 as a school and later converted into a community and lodge hall, has been meticulously restored and dedicated to preserving the community's history, displaying artifacts, and honoring the legacy of Pelham's ancestors and first settlers, including the Caruthers family; and

**WHEREAS**, the museum, led by community families such as Porters, Martin, Caruthers and Pace represents the commitment to preserving Pelham's history, with significant investments made to renovate the historic building and ensure the continuity of the community's rich narrative; and

**WHEREAS**, Pelham's history includes significant milestones such as being the first Black community in Navarro County to receive a historical marker in 1975, and the establishment of its early institutions like Wesley United Methodist Church, founded in 1878, which also housed the first school in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued vitality of Pelham is exemplified by its active churches—Wesley United Methodist, Brown's Chapel A.M.E., and Union Baptist—founded between 1878 and 1916, which continue to serve the spiritual and communal needs of the residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navarro County Commissioners Court wishes to acknowledge and commend the efforts of the Pelham community, its leaders, and all those who contribute to the success and sustainability of the Pelham Homecoming and the Historical Museum;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Navarro County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes and celebrates the 67th Annual Pelham Homecoming, honoring the Pelham community's significant contributions to the cultural and historical fabric of Navarro County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Pelham community during the 67th Annual Pelham Homecoming as a token of appreciation and support from Navarro County.

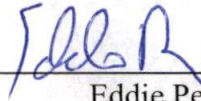
**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024, by the Navarro County Commissioners Court.



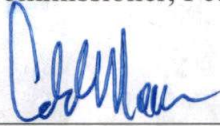
H.M. Davenport Jr.  
Navarro County Judge



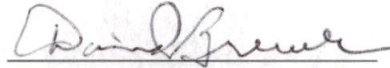
Jason Grant  
Commissioner, Pct. 1



Eddie Perry  
Commissioner, Pct. 2



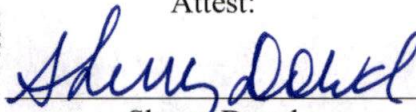
Eddie Moore  
Commissioner, Pct. 3



David Brewer  
Commissioner, Pct. 4



Attest:



Sherry Dowd  
Navarro County, Clerk