PROCLAMATION Mineola Sesquicentennial Year in Mineola, Texason

WHEREAS, the City of Mineola was established in the spring of 1873 on the Houston and Great Northern Railroad, and became a crossing with the Texas & Pacific Railway, and was likely named for Minnie Patter and Mineola, New York; and in 1881 the arrival of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad made Mineola a prospering junction connecting railroads in each direction; and

WHEREAS, Mineola was described as a bustling hub of activity, with hotels, opera houses, a newspaper, a theater and merchants providing all necessities of the day; and today, Mineola has a population of 4,823 according to the United States Census Bureau, and is a prospering community with industrial, commercial, manufacturing, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, a Sesquicentennial Committee, was formed to develop a plan for celebrating this historic anniversary of Mineola; and through partnerships with organizations, businesses, and dedicated volunteers will celebrate its history, and develop existing and new events for the entire community; and a time capsule will be created and dedicated at Mineola High School by the class of 2023; and

WHEREAS, numerous contests, events, fundraisers in which the community members will participate, and a 150th celebration concert will culminate in ending 2023 at the 150th Celebration Gala at the Mineola Civic Center on December 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mineola turned 150 years old in 2023 and this Sesquicentennial will celebrate Mineola's history, present and future.

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Wood County Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim the year 2023 be known as

MINEOLA SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR IN MINEOLA, TEXAS

And call upon the people of Wood County to join their friends, family and neighbors throughout this area in celebrating the history and future of Mineola.

Signed this 5th day of September, 2023.

Kevin White, County Judge

Holland, Commissioner, Pct.1

Mike Simmons, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Willey Price, County Clerk

Jerry Gaskill, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Russell Acker, Commissioner, Pct. 4