

In the name and by the authority of



The Commissioners Court of Bexar County

## PROCEAMATION

- WHEREAS, under the leadership of NAACP officers Mary Lillian Andrews and Harry V. Burns, the national, student-led sit-in movement challenged racial discrimination at store lunch counters in San Antonio, Texas in March of 1960; and
- WHEREAS, religious leaders and store managers negotiated an agreement in advance of the deadline set for protests. On March 16, 1960, seven downtown department stores, including Woolworth's on Alamo Plaza, voluntarily and peacefully integrated their lunch counters; and
- WHEREAS, the city of San Antonio in Bexar County, Texas set a national example at a time when African American students in other Southern cities faced arrests and violence for defying racial segregation and demanding equal service; and
- WHEREAS, the landmark Woolworth Building on Alamo Plaza stands as a prominent reminder of this 20<sup>th</sup> century freedom struggle and reinforces the importance of underrepresented narratives at heritage sites.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bexar County Commissioners Court hereby recognizes March 16, 2020 as the 60th anniversary of San Antonio's resounding achievement in Civil Rights history and continues to urge the preservation of the Woolworth Building to conspicuously honor those women and men who overcame injustice with reason and right.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES and SEAL OF OFFICE this 10th day of March 2020.

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Nelson W. Wolff County Judge

Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez

County Commissioner, Precinct I

Kevin A. Wolff

County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Justin Rodriguez

County Commissioner, Precinct 2

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County Commissioner, Precinct 4