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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of March 18 to 24, 2001, is NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS, as proclaimed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, and

WHEREAS, Throughout our history people have confirmed the vast resources of our land, and

WHEREAS, Sam Houston reported to the President of the United States, "I have traveled near 500 miles across Texas, and am now enabled to judge pretty near correctly of the soil, and the resources of the Country, and have no hesitancy in pronouncing it the finest country to its extent upon the globe," and

WHEREAS, T.R. Fehrenbach wrote, "Our ancestors came to Texas in search of land. And land became the basis of the Texas dream," and

WHEREAS, Davy Crockett said, "I must say as to what I have seen of Texas, it is the garden spot of the world, the best land and the best prospects for health I ever saw, and I do believe it is fortune to any man to come here," and

WHEREAS, The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses in which we live, the flowers and plants we enjoy are all rooted in one industry-Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, Texas' farmers and ranchers have made agriculture the second-largest industry, generating \$80 billion for the state's economy, and

WHEREAS, Texas is the nation's leading producer of cattle, sheep, goats, horses, wool, mohair and cotton. The state is also one of the top producers of vegetable, citrus, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, rice, sugarcane and wheat, and

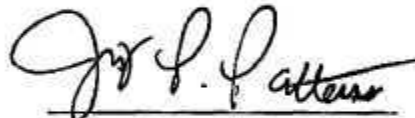
WHEREAS, The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, with almost 80 percent of the land involved in some form of agricultural production—including livestock, crops, aquaculture, horticulture and forestry, and

WHEREAS, Texas farmers and ranchers exemplify a rich tradition of producing food and fiber to meet growing global demands, Now Therefore

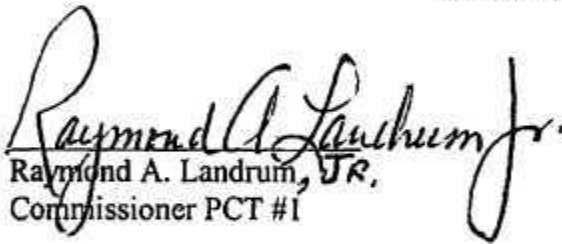
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners' Court of La Salle County declares this National Agriculture Week in La Salle County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commissioners' court urges everyone in our area to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share that knowledge with the young people in our area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this county, this state, this nation and the world.

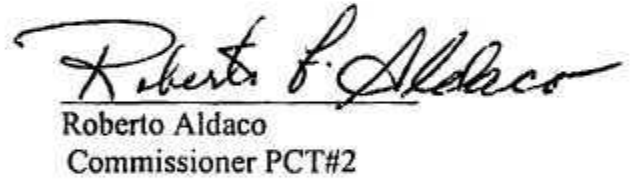
THEREFORE, IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, we, the undersigned do hereby affix our signatures this 12th day of March 2001.



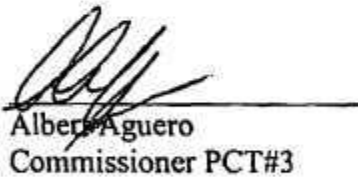
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