

# PROCLAMATION

## CITY OF BLANCO

Proclamation honoring Blanco residents Sheryl Smith-Rodgers and James Hearn for their work to preserve and promote Texas wildlife habitats.

**Whereas** Blanco resident and Texas Master Naturalist Sheryl Smith-Rodgers and husband James Hearn have transformed their one acre on 9th Street into a Texas native plant garden and an adjoining former vacant lot into The Meadow.

**Whereas** Sheryl has blogged about their yard since 2008 at “Window on a Texas Wildscape.” She’s worked especially hard to preserve and conserve native plant species in their neighborhood.

**Whereas** Sheryl has catalogued more than 1,360 species so far of plants, animals and other organisms on their property.

**Whereas** Sheryl and James welcome Blanco students, garden clubs and other groups to appreciate and learn about the habitat.

**Whereas** their property is certified as a Texas Wildscape Wildlife Habitat Demonstration site (TPWD), National Wildlife Federation Wildlife Habitat, Monarch Waystation and North American Butterfly Association Butterfly Garden.

**Whereas** they have dedicated much of their lives to promoting conservation, education and wise stewardship.

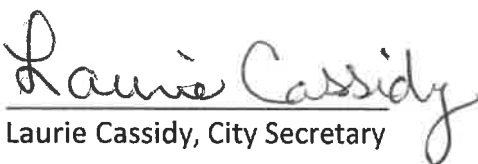
**NOW THEREFORE**, I Mike Arnold hereby proclaim thanks and appreciation of a grateful City for their tireless work to preserve our native species and make Blanco a more beautiful, neighborly and environmentally responsible community.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Blanco, Texas, this the 11 day of June 2024.



Mike Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary

