



Office of the Mayor
Proclamation

2023-03-0411P

WHEREAS, the City of Alton, Texas, is pleased to recognize the Lipan Apache Tribe also known as the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas as a native American Indian tribe of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Lipan Apache Tribe is a sovereign American Indian tribe, composed of multiple bands and family groups, living on their historical homeland for hundreds of years in what has become the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, today, the Lipan Apache Tribe is represented by a tribal government with a constitution and bylaws, and the tribe is a voting member of the National Congress of American Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Lipan Apache Tribe has a culture rich in traditions and heritage that has been handed down, one generation to the next; they have maintained their sense of community through all six flags of Texas until present day, despite tremendous challenges and trials, and

WHEREAS, members of the Lipan Apache Tribe have faithfully served in the armed forces, and defended the United States in WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as in other deployments; moreover, the Tribe honors the many veterans who served; and

WHEREAS, members of the Lipan Apache Tribe continue to serve local communities as good citizens in local government, education, law enforcement, fire protection, and medicine, as well as essential workers and in many other important occupations; and

WHEREAS, the Lipan Apaches of the Poca Ropa Band who settled in the late 1800s in Hidalgo County and the Lower Rio Grande Valley are members of the same proud people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alton takes great pride in its diversity, and is pleased to recognize the Lipan Apache Tribe as a historical American Indian tribe that for over 53 years has publicly shared with the people of Hidalgo County, the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and various municipalities and entities in the Great State of Texas and now includes the Great City of Alton their traditions and culture through music, dance, and educational presentations;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Salvador Vela, Mayor of the City of Alton, Texas by virtue of the authority vested in me and on behalf of the City Commission do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 11, 2023, as:

“Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas Day”

in the City of Alton and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the Lipan Apache Tribe and commend it for its many valuable contributions to the City of Alton, the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and this state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Alton to be affixed on this 11th day of April 2023.

City of Alton

Honorable Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:

Baudelia Rojas, City Secretary