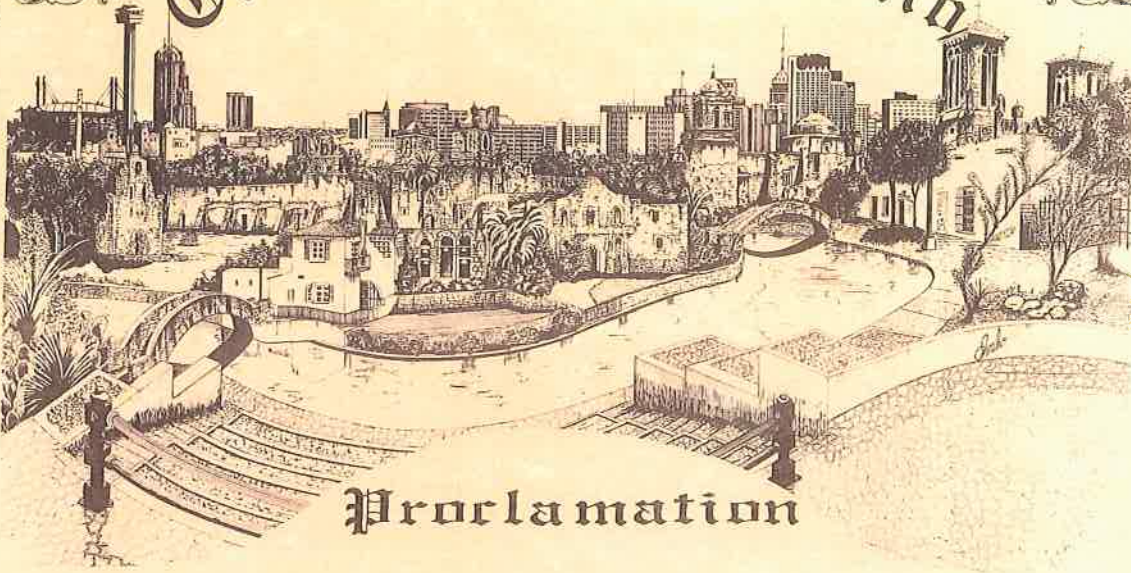


City of San Antonio



Proclamation

WHEREAS, THE TAP PILAM-COAHUILTECAN NATION HAS A DISTINGUISHED HISTORY IN THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS, ESPECIALLY IN HISTORIC SAN ANTONIO; AND

WHEREAS, WHEN THE FIVE MISSIONS WERE BEING ESTABLISHED IN SAN ANTONIO BETWEEN 1718 AND 1731, THE COAHUILTECAN TRIBE PERFORMED IMPORTANT DUTIES SUCH AS CONSTRUCTING DAMS AND IRRIGATION CANALS, WORKING IN THE FIELDS AND AS COWBOYS, AND HELPING TO BUILD WHAT EVENTUALLY BECAME COMMUNITIES IN PRESENT-DAY TEXAS; AND

WHEREAS, ALTHOUGH MANY NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES ASSIMILATED IN THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES, THE COAHUILTECAN TRIBE HAS PROUDLY KEPT ITS RITUALS AND TRADITIONS, AND EVEN TODAY MANY ASPECTS OF ITS DAILY LIFE ARE THE SAME AS THOSE IN USE AT THE TIME OF ITS FIRST CONTACT WITH EUROPEANS; AND

WHEREAS, DESCENDANTS OF THIS OUTSTANDINGLY COURAGEOUS TRIBE STILL CELEBRATE TIME-HONORED OCCASIONS, SUCH AS INDIAN DECORATION DAY AND THE USE OF CEREMONIAL MUSIC AND DRESS AS WAYS OF UPHOLDING TRIBAL CUSTOMS; AND

WHEREAS, THE COAHUILTECAN TRIBE PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN TEXAS' DEVELOPMENT, AND HAS GREATLY ENRICHED ITS HERITAGE.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD D. GARZA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, IN RECOGNITION THEREOF, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE TAP PILAM-COAHUILTECAN NATION FOR THE OUTSTANDING PRESERVATION OF THEIR HERITAGE, AND FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOT ONLY THE STATE OF TEXAS, BUT TO SAN ANTONIO AS WELL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BE AFFIXED THIS 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001.



EDWARD D. GARZA
MAYOR