



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** *Clear Lake City Water Authority (CLCWA) leaders had the knowledge to see the need for advanced, large scale flood mitigation in the Clear Lake communities, and the vision and drive to take on the major challenges to obtain the land, acquire the technical and design expertise, and engage the Keep Green Spaces Green grassroots communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *They purchased the 178-acre property and pulled together experts to create a Master Plan for the best possible flood mitigation and a large natural green space populated with thousands of native Texas trees, grasses and wild flowers; the essence of nature-based infrastructure; and*
- WHEREAS,** *A core of CLCWA community leaders and passionate volunteers came together in a focused working group, making plans and organizing numerous town hall meetings to engage Clear Lake area residents, interest them in this civic initiative, and recruit those classic community volunteers to make the dream a reality; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In early days volunteers met weekly to plan, benchmark, create founding documents and apply for non-profit status; helping organize the unique partnership project and create the Exploration Green Conservancy; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Phase One, through rainy days and even Hurricane Harvey, proved the concept, as excavations, landscaping, tree planting, and fundraising continued with support from Texas Parks and Wildlife and Harris County Precinct 2, the partners completed Phases 1, 2, 3, and 4 and now proceed with final Phase 5; and*
- WHEREAS,** *After nearly a decade, the vision is an extraordinarily popular reality for the diverse communities next door and across the Clear Lake area. Thousands walk, ride, play, and relax there along with the wild birds, trees and wildflowers; and*
- WHEREAS,** *With continuing support by countless volunteers and numerous partners, including the Galveston Bay Foundation, Trees for Houston, SWA Architecture, and many more, Exploration Green is reaching its zenith, helping all explore its natural green space and flood protection systems.*
- NOW, THEREFORE,** *It is determined within Precinct 2 of Harris County, Texas, to celebrate the awesome success and approaching completion of the five large detention lakes able to detain 500,000,000 gallons of storm water, surrounded by trails, vast green space and happy, protected residents. By the power vested in me by Harris County and the State of Texas, I hereby affix:*

Adrian Garcia
Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 2