



WHEREAS, through school athletics, young people learn about and pursue sports-related interests, develop physical performance, discipline and leadership, cultivate lifelong friendships, and gain meaningful experiences to flourish in their lives beyond sports; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Pratt began his teaching and coaching career with the McKinney Independent School District, at Slaughter Middle School in 1993, served several high school roles beginning in 1995 - from Varsity Football Assistant Coach at McKinney High School, to the first ever Varsity Football Head Coach and Campus Athletic Coordinator at McKinney North High School - and became the McKinney ISD Director of Athletics in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pratt supports the development and growth of many student-athletes and coaches in McKinney, Texas, leading the districtwide athletic program which encompasses three High School and five Middle School campuses and a collection of sports achievements; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Coach Pratt was instrumental in the collaborative efforts of McKinney ISD, Visit McKinney, McKinney Chamber of Commerce, and others to establish the MISD Stadium and Community Event Center as host site for the NCAA Division II Football National Championship game; and

WHEREAS, the nationally televised event attracted new visitors to McKinney, Texas, created significant economic impact, showcased the abundance of hospitality, talent and sense of community that exists amongst our schools and city staff, elected officials, businesses, organizations, and volunteers, and secured the opportunity to host the Championship game for three more consecutive years in this city; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pratt advocates for the local, state, and nationwide strength and viability of school athletics and academics through membership and service to organizations like the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association (THSADA), Texas High School Coaches Association, Texas Girls Coaches Association, American Football Coaches Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and McKinney Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pratt has served as President and Vice President of THSADA, and his career accolades include McKinney High School Teacher of the Year, McKinney North High School Excellence in Teaching award, McKinney Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Teaching nomination, Kelly Reeves State Award of Merit, and two-time THSADA Regional Athletic Director of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, THSADA recognized Shawn Pratt as the State Athletic Director of the Year, a well-deserved acknowledgement of his success and ongoing commitment to those involved with school athletics, especially the student-athletes and their families, district faculty, and community at-large of McKinney, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE C. FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 15, 2019 AS

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR SHAWN PRATT DAY

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, AND INVITE ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN ME IN EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR HIS SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR 2019.

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary