



## RESOLUTION Barrel Racing Capital of Texas

A Resolution of the Llano County Commissioners Court, Llano, Texas Expressing Support and Requesting that the Texas Legislature Designate the City of Llano, Llano, Texas as the "Barrel Racing Capital of Texas".

**WHEREAS**, The City of Llano, Llano, Texas has quickly become known informally as the Barrel Racing Capital of Texas, with a 200% increase in the number of barrel races held at the John L. Kuykendall Event Center and Area (JLK Arena) between 2016 and 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** the number of barrel racing events per year held at JLK Arena have increased from 50 events in 2016, to 120 events in 2020, and will have an estimated 150 scheduled for 2021. Additionally, the JLK Arena operates approximately 2-3 days each week with members practicing barrel racing at the JLK Arena; and

**WHEREAS,** the JLK Arena has become known as the safest arena in Texas to hold barrel races among those in the industry. Where most arenas recognize 1-2 slips per race, only two slips occurred at the JLK Arena in the past five years related to footing, thereby in 2016 being recognized and awarded the Justin Boots Best Footing Award from the Women's Professional Rodeo Association, World Championship Barrel Racing; and

**WHEREAS,** the Llano Chamber of Commerce estimates that the economic impact from barrel racers in Llano County, Llano, Texas is in excess of \$1,000,000 per year in sales of food, fuel, drink, merchandise sales, and hotel/motel rentals; and

**WHEREAS,** on December 7, 2020 the City of Llano formally passed a resolution recognizing this distinction, its residents, and most importantly its barrel racers, have earned this recognition and would be honored to receive the designation from the Texas Legislature.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LLANO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, LLANO, TEXAS:** 

The Llano County Commissioners Court does hereby formally request that the Texas Legislature Designate the City of Llano as the "Barrel Racing Capital of Texas".

The Llano County Commissioners Court directs and designates the Llano County Judge as the County's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all manners in connection with this request.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE OF THE LLANO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2021.

Ron Cunningham, Lland County Judge

Peter Jones, Comm. Pct #1

Linda Raschke, Comm. Pct #2

Mike Sandoval, Comm. Pct #3

Jerry Don Moss, Comm. Pct #4

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Marci Hadeler, Llano County Clerk