## Office of the County Judge Fort Bend County, Texas

## Proclamation



WHEREAS,

on October 28, 2017, the tragic passing of 16-year-old Kailee Mills, who lost her life in a rollover crash due to a brief removal of her seatbelt, deeply affected the heart of Fort Bend County. The profound pain of this loss inspired the formation of the Kailee Mills Foundation by her dedicated family, aiming to prevent similar tragedies; and

WHEREAS,

the foundation, with its mission to mitigate the consequences of non-seat belt use by promoting awareness, education, and community involvement, has achieved remarkable milestones including the creation and trademark of the Seat Belt Safety Ribbon, launching of state-wide Seat Belt Safety Billboards, execution of numerous Seat Belt Safety Awareness campaigns at schools, and pivotal collaborations with the Texas Department of Transportation's Click It Or Ticket initiative; and

WHEREAS,

the Kailee Mills Foundation's unwavering dedication to its mission was further underscored nationally when, on May 16, 2023, it graciously represented the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's National Click It or Ticket press conference, amplifying its vital message to an even broader audience; and

WHEREAS,

Fort Bend County has been a direct beneficiary of the foundation's rigorous efforts, witnessing impactful Seat Belt Safety Awareness events, informative engagements with parent-teacher associations, and the installation of life-preserving road signs across various educational establishments, emphasizing the significance of seatbelt safety among our younger residents; and

WHEREAS,

the story of Kailee Mills and the subsequent birth of the foundation resonates deeply within our community, serving as a poignant reminder of the fragile nature of life and the paramount importance of safety precautions such as seatbelt usage; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, KP George, Fort Bend County Judge and The Commissioners' Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, do hereby recognize on this 10th day of October 2023,

## Kailee Mills Foundation

in Fort Bend County, Texas and Fort Bend County recognizes the Kailee Mills Foundation Seat Belt Safety Ribbon as the official Seat Belt Safety Symbol in Fort Bend County.

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