

**City of League City
Office of the Mayor**



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Bluegrass Association was founded in June of 1986 in League City, Texas with the primary mission of preserving and promoting bluegrass music as an American art form. BABA is recognized throughout Texas and the Southwest as a steward of the art of bluegrass music;

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Bluegrass Association has given League City the gift of music through its monthly event at the Johnny Arolfo Civic Center; the event is open to the public and has a yearly attendance of over 3,000 people from the greater Houston area; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Bluegrass Association has been an active contributor to the League City community for the past ten years, supporting and participating in local events such as the Clear Lake Area Chamber's Epicurean Evening, July 4th fireworks fundraisers, and the Ballunar Festival. The group has been a supporter of the Clear Lake Crime Stoppers and performed at League City's Concert in the Park, Armand Bayou Nature Center's Fall Festival, and area nursing homes and churches; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Bluegrass Association held the 1st Annual Texas State Mandolin Championship on August 19, 2006 in League City at the Johnny Arolfo Civic Center and hosted approximately 500 guests and participants from all over Texas and as far away as New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the success of the event was proven by the overwhelming turnout and the high caliber musicians in attendance; and

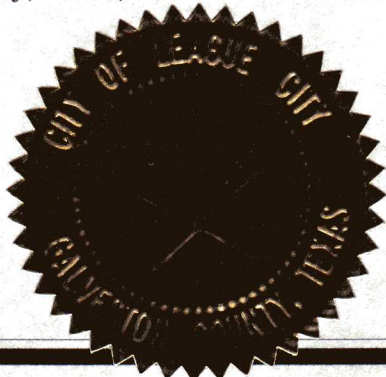
WHEREAS, since June of 2005, during its monthly events the Bay Area Bluegrass Association has actively supported the League City business community with an innovative raffle, which requires receipts from purchases made in League City for participation; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Bluegrass Association has demonstrated excellence in the preservation of Bluegrass music and also in its support of League City and the surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jerry Shults, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the **7th Mayor of the City of League City**, do hereby proclaim **October 10th, 2006** as

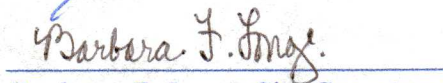
"BAY AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION DAY"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of League City, Texas, to be affixed on this the 10th day of October 2006.




Jerry Shults, Mayor

ATTEST:


Barbara F. Long, City Secretary