

**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Office of the Chancellor

August 12, 2020

Members, Board of Regents  
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Resolution Recognizing the Importance of the Bryan-College Station Community to Texas A&M University

Approval of the following resolution honoring the historical connections and importance of the Bryan-College Station community to Texas A&M University is recommended:

“WHEREAS, Aggieland has grown beyond the boundaries of any one municipality; and

WHEREAS, College Station is known as the “Home of Texas A&M University”; and

WHEREAS, the City of College Station and the City of Bryan have had an entwined history since the City of College Station was incorporated in 1938; and

WHEREAS, Bryan and Texas A&M University’s historical ties go back to 1871, when Bryan was incorporated and the Texas Legislature established the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas; and

WHEREAS, College Station and Texas A&M University are synonymous, with the city owing its name and existence to the Agricultural and Mechanical College’s location along the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, receiving the designation “College Station, Texas” by the U.S. Postal Service in 1877; and

WHEREAS, the City of College Station was incorporated after a petition was submitted to the A&M College of Texas board of directors, and the first city council was comprised of A&M faculty members and met in the administration building; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Field, home to Aggie Football since 1905, is located in College Station, and in 2013 College Station guaranteed up to \$36 million in hotel tax revenues toward the renovation of Kyle Field; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Army Air Field was used as the Texas A&M University Annex for incoming Corps of Cadets freshmen and returning veterans in 1946; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Bryan Air Force Base was deeded to Texas A&M University, adding 1,991 acres; and

WHEREAS, the former Bryan Air Force Base was operated as the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center for a quarter of a century before being designated as the Texas A&M University Riverside Campus in 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Texas A&M University Riverside Campus grew into the Texas A&M University Research Annex before transforming into the RELLIS Campus in 2016, home to Texas A&M University System entities including ten regional universities, the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI); and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the City of Bryan gifted more than 200 acres to the Texas A&M University Health Science Center; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the long history and partnership between the City of Bryan, the City of College Station and both Texas A&M University and The Texas A&M University System; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that over the past decade, Texas A&M University and The Texas A&M University System have expanded into the City of Bryan with seven Texas A&M University System colleges, ten Texas A&M University System universities and multiple Texas A&M University System state agencies on more than 2,200 acres with more than \$1 billion in investment; and

WHEREAS, Texas A&M University will always be the institution's official name; and

WHEREAS, there is no intent to change the university's official name; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System and the President of Texas A&M University will use "Bryan-College Station" only in any general location references where College Station would have been used in the past, including references at all sporting events, academic events, press releases, marketing collateral, letterhead, and other representations of Texas A&M University and The Texas A&M University System where a specific postal address is not required.

ADOPTED, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020."

Respectfully submitted,

**[ORIGINAL SIGNED BY]**

John Sharp  
Chancellor

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

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Ray Bonilla  
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