



**Proclamation of the City of Horseshoe Bay
Declaring the week of March 10 – 16, 2024 as
“Sunshine Week” in Horseshoe Bay**

WHEREAS, James Madison, the father of our federal Constitution, wrote that “consent of the governed” requires that the people be able to “arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives,” and

WHEREAS, every citizen in our participatory democracy has an inherent right of access to government meetings and public records; and

WHEREAS, an open and accessible government is vital to establishing and maintaining the people’s trust and confidence in their government and in the government’s ability to effectively serve its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the protection of every person’s right of access to public records and government meetings is a high priority of the City of Horseshoe Bay; and

WHEREAS, the City of Horseshoe Bay is committed to openness and transparency in all aspects of its operations and seeks to set a standard in this regard.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the City of Horseshoe Bay, Texas:

1. The City of Horseshoe Bay commits during this Sunshine Week, commemorating the anniversary of James Madison’s birth, and throughout the year to continue to:
 - work diligently to enhance the public’s access to government records and information;
 - to increase information provided electronically and online;
 - to ensure that all meetings of deliberative bodies under its jurisdiction are fully noticed and open to the public.
2. That the City Council encourages citizens to utilize the City’s website frequently to stay informed of the activities of the City and to sign up to receive automatic notifications via the City’s CivicReady system on the City’s website: www.horseshoe-bay-tx.gov
3. That the City Council encourages citizens to attend and participate in City Council meetings each month, and to communicate regularly with their elected Mayor and Council Members and City staff.
4. The City Secretary is hereby instructed to post this Proclamation on the city’s website for Public Display and enter this document into the permanent records of the City of Horseshoe Bay.



Mayor Elsie Thurman