



**Proclamation of the City of Horseshoe Bay
Declaring the week of March 16th – 22nd, 2025 as
“Sunshine Week” in Horseshoe Bay**

WHEREAS, Each year during the third week of March, "Sunshine Week" is observed nationwide as a celebration of open government and transparency. This important initiative was established in 2005 by the American Society of News Editors and has evolved into a significant national movement promoting governmental openness, citizen access to public information, and official accountability," and

WHEREAS, every citizen in our participatory democracy has an inherent right of access to government meetings and public records. 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, In Texas, the Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act are known as "sunshine laws" that ensure transparency and accountability in Texas government operations. These laws establish the public's right to access government information and observe governmental proceedings; 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, as is a commitment to openness and transparency in all aspects of its operations; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine Week stands as a reminder of the essential role transparency plays in maintaining a healthy democracy where citizens can meaningfully participate in and monitor their government's activities.

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

1. The City commits during this Sunshine Week and throughout the year to continue to:
 - work diligently to enhance citizens' access to city records and information
 - look for opportunities to engage citizens in their city's activities and decisions
2. That the City Council encourages citizens to utilize the City's website frequently to stay informed of the activities of the City.
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 Legislative Services Director 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