

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
GATORADE’S CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR
CADEN LEONARD**

***WHEREAS,** Caden Leonard has demonstrated extraordinary skill, effort, athletic ability, and displayed exemplary character in the Carroll ISD Dragon Cross Country athletic program; and*

***WHEREAS,** Caden Leonard won the Class 6A individual state title and went on to help the Dragons to the 6A state championship; and*

***WHEREAS,** years of hard work, training, and dedication have resulted in Caden Leonard being named Gatorade’s Best Cross Country Runner in Texas for 2024; and*

***WHEREAS,** Caden embodies Gatorade’s 2024 slogan, “win from within” through both his athletic accomplishments and his selfless volunteerism within the Southlake Community, including his participation with the Young Men’s Service League, Southlake Special Olympics, and involvement with the youth ministry at White’s Chapel Methodist Church; and*

***WHEREAS,** Caden Leonard has brought great pride to Carroll ISD, the City of Southlake, and Tarrant County, and we celebrate this tremendous athletic achievement; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court, does hereby proclaim that March 19, 2024, shall be observed in Tarrant County as a day of recognition for Caden Leonard as Gatorade’s Cross Country Runner of the Year; and*

***FURTHER,** we encourage the citizens of Tarrant County to acknowledge and congratulate our own Caden Leonard as we celebrate with him.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have hereunder set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 19th day of March 2024.*