

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION
City of Kennedale 75th Anniversary: Diamond Jubilee

WHEREAS, in early years, Native Americans hunted and fished along Village Creek near the present site of Kennedale, before signing a treaty with the Republic of Texas in 1843, when settlers began moving into the area; and

WHEREAS, a local post office opened in 1884, and in 1886, the Town of Kennedale was platted and named for Oliver S. Kennedy, who was one of the first settlers along Village Creek when he platted land on the site of a mineral well along with John D. Hudson and C.B. Teague; and

WHEREAS, to attract a rail line to the community, Kennedy donated land to the railroad and the Fort Worth and New Orleans Railway Company built a line through Kennedale to Waxahachie, which helped bring business to the area; and

WHEREAS, State Highway 34 was built through the town around 1932, and business activity gradually migrated to the roadway now known as Kennedale Parkway; and

WHEREAS, in July 1947, with a population of 300, Kennedale voted to incorporate, and in 1950, when the population had increased to 500, the State of Texas approved changing the status of Kennedale from "Town" to "City"; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, voters adopted a Home Rule Charter establishing a Council-Manager form of government authorizing Council to enact legislation, adopt budgets, determine policies, and appoint a City Manager; and

WHEREAS, today the City of Kennedale is 6.6 square miles with a population of 9,209 as of 2020 and growing, with three active parks, a public library, and a 9/11 memorial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby congratulate the City of Kennedale and its residents on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary: Diamond Jubilee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 21st day of June 2022.