

PROCLAMATION

TARRANT REGIONAL AUTO CRIMES TASK FORCE COMMEMORATES 30 YEARS

WHEREAS, 30 years ago, on Monday, March 1, 1993, a team of investigators from various law enforcement agencies within Tarrant County was formed to serve the community in a concentrated effort to fight and prevent motor vehicle theft. Known as the Tarrant County Automobile Theft Task Force, the new multi-jurisdiction task force was funded by a state grant through the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority and local agency support; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Governors consisting of the Chief or Sheriff of each participating agency and the Sheriff serving as the Board Chair. Tarrant County, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the National Insurance Crime Bureau and the cities of Arlington, Azle, Euless, Fort Worth, Haltom City, Hurst, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills and White Settlement provided officers to serve on the new task force; and

WHEREAS, the addition of surrounding counties and the inclusion of vehicle burglary enforcement in 2007 precipitated a change in scope and the name of the task force to the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force. In 2019, fraud-related motor vehicle crime was added to the task force's investigative mandate, which currently involves the enforcement, investigation, prevention, intelligence-gathering and officer-training in all things auto-crime related; and

WHEREAS, the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force currently consists of sworn and professional staff from Tarrant and Parker Counties, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Euless, Hurst, Haltom City, Lake Worth, and the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office. The task force is responsible for a seven-county program area including Tarrant, Parker, Wise, Hood, Palo Pinto, Jack and Somervell counties and serves approximately 2.3 million citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, Texas, do hereby declare March 1, 2023, the 30th Anniversary of successful grant-funded enforcement and prevention operations in Tarrant County by the Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 21st day of March 2023.