



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1825, Major Sterling C. Robertson acquired land grants from Mexico north of the Stephen F. Austin Colony and credited with bringing 600 families to the area, the majority of whom were of Scottish descent, forming the first large group of settlers in Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson, son of Major Sterling C. Robertson, in 1859, donated 100 acres of land to establish Salado College and the town of Salado forever intertwining the Robertson family's Scottish heritage with the very founding of this community; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Lucile A. Robertson, whose husband was a direct descendant of both Major Sterling C. Robertson and Colonel Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson, founded the Central Texas Area Museum—now known as the Salado Museum and College Park—dedicated to preserving the history and culture of the region; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Lucile A. Robertson created a program to recognize the diverse nationalities that settled the Salado area, with the right of priority falling to the early Scots who built this community, and on November 12, 1961, forty Scottish Clans answered her call and gathered in historic Salado for the First Annual Gathering of All Scottish Clans; and

WHEREAS, for more than six decades, representatives of the Scottish Clans have continued to gather in Salado on the second weekend in November to honor the history and traditions of Scotland, making the Salado Scottish Gathering and Highland Games the oldest Scottish festival in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Salado Scottish Gathering and Highland Games hosts the Clan Village, the largest gathering of Scottish Clans in the State of Texas, drawing visitors and clan members from across the nation and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the annual Gathering is a three-day celebration featuring competitive bagpiping, drumming, Highland dancing, and Scottish athletics, as well as Celtic music, the Kirkin' O' the Tartan, the Clans and Bands Parade, and rich Scottish culinary and cultural traditions—all held on the historic southern banks of Salado Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Salado Scottish Gathering and Highland Games is proudly sponsored by the Salado Museum and College Park, with all proceeds benefiting the museum and its mission of preserving Central Texas heritage; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, the Salado Scottish Gathering and Highland Games celebrates its 65th Annual Gathering, a milestone that affirms Salado's enduring and unmatched role as the heart of Scottish culture and heritage in the State of Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the undersigned representatives of the Village of Salado, do hereby officially and proudly designate the **Village of Salado, Texas** as the **Scottish Capital of Texas**, in recognition of Salado's unparalleled Scottish heritage, its enduring celebration of Scottish culture, and its six decades of honoring the Scots who shaped the very foundation of Central Texas.

This Proclamation is named on Founder's Day, August 22, 2026, and is officially read on **August 22, 2026**, during the **65th Annual Salado Scottish Gathering and Highland Games**, held on the southern banks of Salado Creek.

In official recognition whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Salado to be affixed this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor