

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *This year marks the observance of International Fraud Awareness Week, which is set aside to raise awareness about the impact of fraud upon our society; and*

WHEREAS, *The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, an organization dedicated to the mission of reducing the incidence of fraud worldwide, estimates that a typical organization loses five percent of its revenue each year to fraud; and*

WHEREAS, *State, local, and federal governments are frequent targets of fraud; and*

WHEREAS, *Instances of fraud in state and city government undermines the good work and reputation of all state and local employees who complete their assigned duties with integrity and honesty, and decreases confidence in public officials; and*

WHEREAS, *Fraud against the State of Texas and the City of The Colony is a burden borne by its citizens and businesses in the form of increased costs; loss of public revenues and resources; and increased expenses associated with the investigation, prosecution, and eventual incarceration of individuals who commit fraud; and*

WHEREAS, *Tips received from employees are consistently the greatest source by which frauds are detected; and*

WHEREAS, *Increasing employee awareness of fraud, including the magnitude of the problem, and educating employees about fraud prevention, detection, and reporting techniques, is critical for reducing the incidence of fraud against and within Texas government.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe McCourry, Mayor of The Colony, do hereby proclaim the week of November 17-23, 2019 **“International Fraud Awareness Week”**

SIGNED and SEALED this 5th day of November , 2019.

*Joe McCourry, Mayor
City of The Colony, Texas*

ATTEST:

Tina Stewart, City Secretary