

# *Proclamation*

## **Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**WHEREAS** the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was established in 1974 in compliance with federal legislation in order to enhance transportation planning and policy for the benefit of McLennan County, Texas;

**WHEREAS** the Waco MPO has diligently served as a critical planning entity, working together with state and federal partners to guide the development of transportation systems that are safe, efficient, and equitable for all residents;

**WHEREAS** the success of the Waco MPO can be attributed to the dedicated community members who have volunteered their time and expertise to serve on its Policy Board, Technical Advisory Committee, subcommittees, workgroups, and task forces, providing invaluable input and direction;

**WHEREAS** the Waco MPO has consistently prioritized the improvement of quality-of-life for McLennan County residents through its commitment to innovative planning strategies and initiatives that address transportation equity, accessibility, and safety;

**WHEREAS** the Waco MPO's ongoing efforts to embrace forward-thinking approaches have positioned it as a leader in regional transportation planning, ensuring that transportation infrastructure and policy meet evolving community needs;

**WHEREAS** the Waco MPO's adherence to the 3C planning process— which is cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive—has fostered a collaborative environment that brings together diverse stakeholders to achieve common goals for the region's transportation network and mobility spaces; and

**WHEREAS** the Waco MPO's potential for future contributions remains significant, with a steadfast commitment to enhancing transportation systems and regional connectivity for the benefit of current and future generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor, James Cleveland of the City of Bellmead of McLennan County,** do hereby recognize and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization, and extend our deepest gratitude to all those who have contributed to its success.