



# City of Killeen

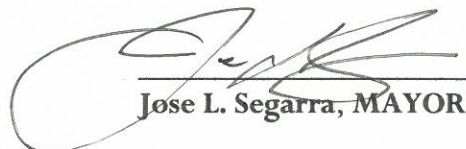
- WHEREAS** The Continental Army was formed June 14, 1775 as a unified force of the colonies as they fought to win their independence from Great Britain in the Revolutionary War; and
- WHEREAS** Following the war, the Congress of the Confederation created the United States Army June 3, 1784 to replace the disbanded Continental Army; and
- WHEREAS** The United States Army is the oldest and largest military branch and is responsible for land-based military operations; and
- WHEREAS** The Army has been crucial to nearly every military engagement in United States history; and
- WHEREAS** Its great legacy is evident in its victories, but more importantly in the freedoms it has protected and secured for us all; and
- WHEREAS** Today's Army is a highly trained, expertly skilled volunteer force of more than one million dedicated soldiers serving in the Army, National Guard and Reserve; and
- WHEREAS** The Army became part of the Killeen community in 1942 with the opening of Camp Hood, which became Fort Hood in 1950, and is now the Army's premier military installation; and
- WHEREAS** Killeen is a proud military town honored to be the Home of Fort Hood and its soldiers and their families; and
- WHEREAS** Today, soldiers and civilians together celebrate the Army's 245<sup>th</sup> birthday; we celebrate the Army's history, we celebrate our soldiers, veterans and families, and we celebrate The Great Place, Fort Hood.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jose L. Segarra, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Killeen, do hereby proclaim June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as:**

## *The Army's 245th Birthday*



**In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Killeen to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.**

  
**Jose L. Segarra, MAYOR**