



COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this the 13th day of April, 2026, the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas** convened in a regular scheduled meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge;
Darrell Apffel, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1;
Joe Giusti, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2;
Hank Dugie, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3;
Robin Armstrong, MD, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and
Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

Whereas, Conservation Districts were born out of the 'Dust Bowl' years of the 1930s to address America's devastating soil erosion; and to assist in soil and water conservation, Texas established the **Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board** to help preserve soil and water, protect the state's tax base and promote health, safety and public welfare for the people of Texas; and

Whereas, the stewardship concept involves personal and social responsibility, including a duty to learn about and improve natural resources as we use them wisely; and that effective conservation practices provide the soil, water, animals, plants and air that can ensure a rich standard of living for future generations; and

Whereas, "**Soil. Where it all Begins**" is the theme for the 2026 **Texas Soil and Water Stewardship Week**; which brings into focus the vital yet overlooked realm of soil health, and recognizes soil as the foundation of life, productivity, and resilience across Texas. Texas is intimately connected to its land and the essential role that soil plays not only in sustaining our agriculture and natural landscapes, but also in ensuring the overall health of our environment. The objective is to deepen the understanding that healthy soil supports everything we depend on. From the food on our plates to the clothes on our backs, the foundation of our homes and offices, to the working lands and city parks, soil plays a critical role in sustaining both natural resources and local economies. Healthy soil plays a key role in safeguarding water resources, agricultural productivity, and wildlife habitats; and

Whereas, stewardship calls for each person to help conserve these precious resources; please support water conservation projects and soil health as our survival and continued production and access to quality food and water depends upon the robust management of diverse natural resources nationwide; and

Whereas, **Texas Soil and Water Stewardship Week** not only recognizes that the abundance of our agricultural products and the quality of life we enjoy are dependent upon the proper use and management of soil and water resources but also is an opportunity to recognize all that has been accomplished through efforts to prevent soil erosion, protect water quality, and appreciate the intricate relationship between soil and water. Healthy soil and clean water benefit everyone. This impressive event should be called to the public's attention.

Now, Therefore be it Resolved that the **Commissioners' Court of Galveston County**, in an effort to remind the public of the essential need for soil and water conservation does hereby designate the week of **April 25 to May 6, 2026** as **Texas Soil and Water Stewardship Week** in all of Galveston County and calls upon all citizens and residents to work responsibly toward the protection and conservation of our precious soil and water to help ensure they will continue to be available for future generations.

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above Resolution was passed on this 13th day of April, 2026.

Attest:

County of Galveston, Texas

By:

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

Mark A. Henry, County Judge

Darrell Apffel, Comm., Pct. #1

Hank Dugie, Comm., Pct. #3

Joe Giusti, Comm., Pct. #2

Robin Armstrong, MD, Comm., Pct. #4