

City of Tyler  
by the honorable  
Barbara Bass, Mayor

A Proclamation  
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN DAY  
NOVEMBER 3, 2008

*Whereas, Stephen Fuller Austin was born in Austinville, Virginia on November 3, 1793, and is known as the FATHER OF TEXAS; and*

*Whereas, after the death of his father, Moses Austin, Stephen F. Austin took over the grant his father had obtained from the new Spanish government; and*

*Whereas, Stephen F. Austin renegotiated the impresario grant with the Mexican government, which had just gained independence from Spain, and established the first Anglo-American colony in Texas, a province of Mexico at the time; and*

*Whereas, citizens of this colony became known as the "Old Three Hundred," named for the first 300 families Stephen F. Austin brought to Texas; and*

*Whereas, this colony became the heart of a group of Texans that declared independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836, and fought for and gained independence as the Republic of Texas on April 21, 1836; and*

*Whereas, after many great accomplishments, Stephen F. Austin died on December 27, 1836; and*

*Whereas, on Monday, November 3, 2008, the Piney Woods Chapter of The Sons of the Republic of Texas will celebrate the 215<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birthday of Stephen F. Austin, the Father of Texas; and*

*Whereas, the City of Tyler wishes to join The Sons of the Republic of Texas and all Citizens of Tyler, Texas, in observance and remembrance of the 215<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this important event in Texas history,*

*Now Therefore, I, Barbara Bass, Mayor of the City of Tyler, Texas, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 3, 2008, as STEPHEN F. AUSTIN DAY, in the City of Tyler, Texas, and urge all citizens to participate in the historic celebration of this event in Texas History.*

*In official recognition whereof I hereby  
affix my signature this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2008.*

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Barbara R. Bass  
Mayor of Tyler, Texas