

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, The Southern Methodist University (SMU) Mustangs and the Texas Christian University (TCU) Horned Frogs traditionally face off in an annual college football game; The winner takes home the Iron Skillet; and

**WHEREAS**, The SMU and TCU college football teams have faced off annually all but six times since 1915; The first official "Battle for the Iron Skillet" occurred on November 30, 1946; Although the origin of the Iron Skillet trophy is a mystery, the tradition has been kept alive for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2019, the SMU Mustangs debuted their "Dallas" uniforms and defeated the TCU Horned Frogs to take the Iron Skillet back to Dallas; The Iron Skillet remained in Dallas through 2020 after the game's cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic; The Mustangs defeated the Horned Frogs again in 2021 and rightfully held on to the Iron Skillet; The Horned Frogs took the Iron Skillet in 2022 and held it in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, In last year's match, the Mustangs defeated the Horned Frogs by a 66-42 score, bringing the Iron Skillet back to Dallas; and


**WHEREAS**, On Saturday, September 20, 2025, the final "Battle for the Iron Skillet" will be held at Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth; The final game will be the 104<sup>th</sup> played between the two teams as part of their century-long rivalry; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Dallas, supporting the SMU Mustangs, is joining in the excitement of the week leading up to the big game; Residents of Dallas and fans of the Mustangs, extending well beyond the city's geographic borders, will be cheering for SMU to keep the Iron Skillet in Dallas for good.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC L. JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DALLAS**, do hereby proclaim September 14-20, 2025, as

## IRON SKILLET WEEK

in Dallas, Texas, and encourage all Dallasites to join in cheering on the SMU Mustangs in hopes of pulling off a victory against TCU on Saturday and keeping the Iron Skillet forever in Dallas.

  
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Mayor, The City of Dallas

