

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF  
WICHITA FALLS

Proclamation

Whereas,

the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution are referred to as the Bill of Rights, which limit and define the powers of government; and

Whereas, it is during Bill of Rights Day that we recognize this document's powerful framework for establishing and preserving liberty and justice, enabling us to prosper as a nation and thrive as a people through more than two hundred years of political, social and economic challenges; and,

Whereas, the Bill of Rights secures our freedom to speak, print, read, assemble, pray, petition the government, keep and bear arms and protects us from unreasonable arrests, searches, excessive bail, double jeopardy, coerced confessions, cruel and unusual punishment and secures our rights to due process, jury trials, counsel, and to present defense witnesses; and

Whereas, Bill of Rights Day reminds elected and appointed officials and employees of federal, state and local branches of the government that their authority and powers are limited; and

Whereas, it is imperative that all citizens fully understand the provisions, principles and meaning of the Bill of Rights so they will, with great understanding, defend it at all costs from encroachment,

Now therefore, I, Lanham Lyne, Mayor of Wichita Falls do hereby proclaim December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 as

Bill of Rights Day

in Wichita Falls, and urge all citizens to obtain a copy of the Bill of Rights and read it, study it and share what you learn with your family and friends as this document has guaranteed our personal liberties for over two hundred years.



In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Wichita Falls.

*Lanham Lyne* December 15, 2006  
Lanham Lyne Date  
Mayor of Wichita Falls