Whereas, Don Hallum embraced the dream of a recreation center dedicated to the community’s over-55 group; and

Whereas, Don and his fellow seniors realized that the Thomas Street location of Rita and Truett Smith Public Library, vacated in 2011 when the library moved to its new facility in the Wylie Municipal Complex, would be the perfect home for a senior center; and

Whereas, Don and other dedicated seniors formed the Wylie Advocates for Senior Activities, completing the paperwork necessary to become a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity; and

Whereas, Don and other WASA members tirelessly visited the Wylie City Council meetings, peaceably but persistently reminding the council that Wylie’s senior population was increasing by the year and needed a place to gather; and

Whereas, upon realizing the funding didn’t exist to refurbish the library, Don and the other WASA members set about to raise the money themselves, hosting a variety of concerts and other events; and

Whereas, in February 2013, WASA presented a check to the council for $55,000; and

Whereas, on Oct. 12, 2013, the ribbon was cut on the new Wylie Senior Recreation Center, which has been a bustling hub of senior social interaction, learning, and physical well-being ever since.

Now, therefore, I, Eric Hogue, Mayor of the City of Wylie, Texas, do hereby proclaim the 17th day of November, 2017, as

“Don Hallum Day”

in Wylie, Texas, and call upon the citizens of Wylie to join me in honoring this outstanding member of the community who has done so much for citizens who are seniors today and those who will be seniors in the future.

Eric Hogue, Mayor
City of Wylie
State of Texas