Whereas, Cottonwood Cemetery, located at 2930 Whitely Road in the northeastern corner of unincorporated Dallas County, was established in 1875.

Whereas, John L. Sims, the 24-year-old son of Elisha and Elizabeth Turner Sims, was the first known burial in the cemetery, in December of that year; and Whereas, many of the graves contain the remains of the first pioneers and early settlers of the Cottonwood Community; and

Whereas, veterans from the American Indian Wars, Mexican War, Civil War, World War I, World War II and Korean War are buried in this historic cemetery; and

Whereas, in 1958, the Cottonwood Cemetery Foundation was formed for the purpose of providing care and maintenance, with Carl Foster serving as its first president; and

Whereas, the cemetery was declared a Historic Texas Cemetery by the Texas Historical Commission in 2003.

Now therefore, I, Eric Hogue, Mayor of the City of Wylie, Texas, on this the 13th day of October 2018, do proudly join with those gathered to honor and rededicate

“Cottonwood Cemetery”

in Wylie, Texas, and call upon all citizens to recognize and celebrate its place of importance in the rich history of North Texas.

Eric Hogue, Mayor
City of Wylie
State of Texas