

# Resolution

Whereas, Following the War Between the States, Major Benjamin Ficklin purchased 640 acres of land to create a mail station south of Fort Concho. Francis Corbett Taylor, Ficklin's partner, became the station manager, and the founding father of Tom Green County. Taylor named the village of Benficklin in honor of his associate and worked tirelessly to see the 13<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature create the new county of Tom Green in March 1874; and

Whereas, Tom Green County's first county seat of Benficklin was a thriving village complete with a courthouse, jail, schools, hotels, and numerous businesses; and

Whereas, Hundreds of families made their homes near the village of Benficklin. The summer of 1882 had seen significant rainfall and the ground was saturated by mid-August. On August 23, a devastating rain began and continued throughout the night and into the morning of August 24. The boiling waters of the swollen Concho River destroyed the village of Benficklin within the day and over 65 persons throughout the region were lost to the flood; and

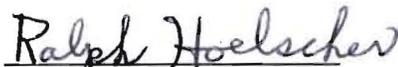
Whereas, It is important that we remember the devastation and the great loss of life the 1882 *Flood* brought and the impact this event had on the history of our county. Today, 130 years later our county faces a great drought and the impact of weather events cannot be forgotten;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** Tom Green County Commissioners Court joins with the Tom Green County Historical Commission in commemorating the **130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Historic 1882 Ben Ficklin Flood** and encourages all citizens to remember the contributions of the man, the place, and the event in our history and we pray that a more gentle rain will now bless our county and break this historic drought.

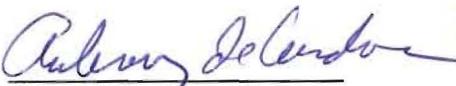
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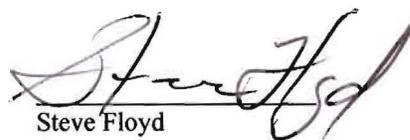
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