

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, children gain a stronger relationship with the adult, reading will become a nurturing activity that will bring the two closer together; and

Whereas, one of the primary benefits of reading to children is a higher aptitude for learning in general; and

Whereas, children learn critical language and enunciation skills by listening to someone read; and

Whereas, children learn better communication skills and are much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way; and

Whereas, children learn the mastery of language and gain a better grasp of the fundamentals of language; and

Whereas, children gain more logical thinking skills, and enhance their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic in various scenarios, recognize cause and effect, and utilize good judgment; and

Whereas, children are able to adapt to new experiences of potentially stressful experience, sharing a relevant story is a great way to help ease the transition; and

Whereas, children gain enhanced concentration and discipline, therefore with reading comprehension comes a stronger self-discipline, longer attention span, and better memory retention, all of which will serve children well when they enter school; and

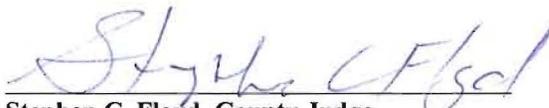
Whereas, by reading, children learn that reading is fun and are much more likely to choose books over video games, television, and other forms of entertainment as they grow older.

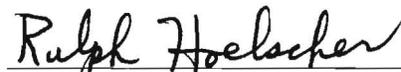
NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Tom Green County, Texas do hereby proclaim the year 2014 as

READ TO ME! TOGETHER IS BETTER!

And encourage all residents to visit the library to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available at the Tom Green County Library. As parent, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends; reading to children is one of the most important things we can do to prepare them with a foundation for academic excellence and socialization.

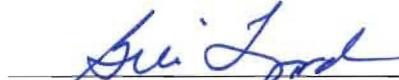
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the County to be affixed, January 21, 2014.


Stephen C. Floyd, County Judge


Ralph Hoelscher, Commissioner Pct. 1


Aubrey DeCordova, Commissioner, Pct. 2


Rick Bacon, Commissioner Pct. 3


Bill Ford, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:


Elizabeth McGill, Tom Green County Clerk

