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RESOLUTION NO. 18-2002

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, DECLARING APRIL AS "KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL" AND "KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL" MONTH IN HONOR OF RETIRING DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE LEE JACKSON; AND DESIGNATING APRIL AS "KEEP MESOUITE BEAUTIFUL" MONTH.

WHEREAS, April 2002 will mark the 31st annual observance of "Keep America Beautiful" month and the annual observance of the "Great American Cleanup," America's largest organized litter cleanup, recycling and beautification program, when millions of volunteers across America participate in community cleanup events to help beautify their neighborhoods and make them safer and healthier places to live; and

WHEREAS, Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc., affiliated communities all across Texas will work through 5.9 million grassroots volunteers via 300 local affiliates to clean highways, city streets, lakeshores and beaches, plant trees and flowers, institute new and improved community-based recycling programs, and educate youth and the general public about the benefits of proper waste disposal and a clean and beautiful environment through participation in the "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off" and the "Adopt A Highway" programs; and

WHEREAS, the Ruthe Jackson Keep Dallas County Beautiful Committee, through the support and leadership of Dallas County Judge Lee Jackson, will spearhead a variety of special cleanup events and tree plantings throughout Dallas County and has designated April as "Stop Illegal Dumping" and "Keep Dallas County Clean & Beautiful" month, commemorating the 26th annual consecutive observance by the Dallas County Commissioners Court in these programs; and

WHEREAS, after 15 years of distinguished service, Dallas County Judge Lee Jackson has announced his retirement effective December 31, 2002; and

WHEREAS, throughout April, Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc., will sponsor a variety of community improvement projects that will involve many youth leadership organizations promoting youth involvement with special emphasis on "The Great Texas Trash-Off" on April 6th, the 32nd anniversary of "Earth Day" on April 22nd, and "Arbor Day" on April 26th, celebrating patriotism and honoring the memory of those who perished in the events surrounding September 11 with a tree planting and dedication ceremony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That April is hereby declared "Keep America Beautiful" and "Keep Texas Beautiful" month in honor of retiring Dallas County Judge Lee Jackson.

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<u>SECTION 2.</u> That April is designated "Keep Mesquite Beautiful" month in commemoration of the 17th consecutive observance by the City of Mesquite in the national, State and local beautification programs.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 15th day of April, 2002.

Mike Anderson Mayor

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Ellen Williams City Secretary **APPROVED:**

B. J. Smith City Attorney