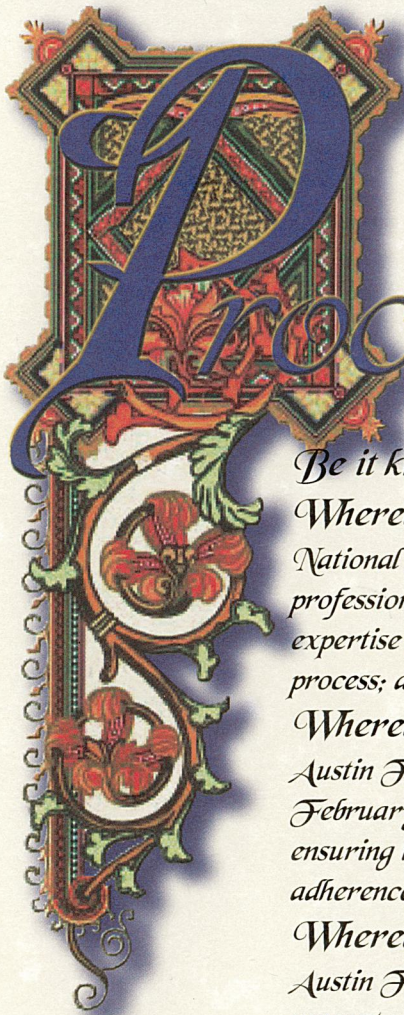




Proclamation

Be it known that

Whereas,

National Forensic Science Week shines a spotlight on the invaluable work of forensic professionals and their role in ensuring public safety and justice, celebrating the scientific expertise used to solve crimes, support investigations, and uphold the integrity of the legal process; and

Whereas,

Austin Forensic Science is a stand-alone, civilian forensic agency created by City Council on February 4, 2021, and fully established as an independent department on October 1, 2022, ensuring that forensic science in Austin is conducted with transparency, impartiality, and adherence to nationally recognized best practices; and

Whereas,

Austin Forensic Science is composed of 90 highly skilled forensic scientists, examiners, and support staff who ensure the proper collection, analysis, and storage of evidence while maintaining the highest standards of scientific rigor, professionalism, and quality, thereby strengthening public trust and enhancing community safety; and

Whereas,

National Forensic Science Week recognizes the contributions of forensic scientists and technicians, laboratory professionals, and support staff whose work is vital to the fair administration of justice;

Now, Therefore,

*I, Kirk Watson, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas,
do hereby proclaim*

September 20th - 26th, 2026

as

National Forensic Science Week

in Austin.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the seal of the City
of Austin to be affixed this 18th Day of
September in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Six*

Kirk Watson

Kirk Watson, Mayor, City of Austin

