

PROCLAMATION

NO. _____
BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

INASMUCH, as it long has been a privilege and a custom of the American people to respect the memory of distinguished citizens who have passed on, and to honor those we have loved and learned to admire on the anniversary of their birth,

AND, whereas, the late Will Rogers was one of the most loved citizens of our time, admired and respected by all the people, regardless of race or creed, because of his human qualities and unparalleled virtues, among them being the sage philosophy which reflected the common spirit and did so much to aid and guide us all, his humor which contributed so richly to American life and provided such abundance of entertainment and pleasure, his charities to his fellow men, both in his sense of justice and in his ever readiness to aid and benefit those who were less fortunate, or who were innocent victims of calamity, and who in all things endeared himself to the American people so that memory of him has been an inspiration, since his untimely death five years ago,

WHEREFORE, I, W. LEE O'DANIEL, Governor of the State of Texas, hereby proclaim the week of November 4, 1940, the anniversary of the birth of Will Rogers, as

WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL WEEK IN TEXAS

and set it apart urging that the people of this state join in, fittingly and properly observing that period as one in which to pay public respect to the memory of Will Rogers and to the humanitarian and American things for which he stood.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be impressed hereon at Austin, this ____ day of October, A. D., 1940.

GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE