



# Rockwall, Texas Proclamation

*Whereas*, as many as 32 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

*Whereas*, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and

*Whereas*, nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat and sesame. Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and

*Whereas*, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

*Whereas*, food allergy results in more than 200,000 U.S. emergency room visits each year. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

*Whereas*, the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment is up sharply over the past decade, with a 377 percent rise in insurance claim lines with diagnoses of anaphylactic food reactions between 2007 and 2016; and

*Whereas*, FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to provide them hope through the promise of new treatments; and

*Whereas*, The Foodary Rx is a new personal catering source that is passionate about changing human lives using food; and

*Now, Therefore*, I, Jim Pruitt, Mayor of the City of Rockwall, Texas, do hereby proclaim

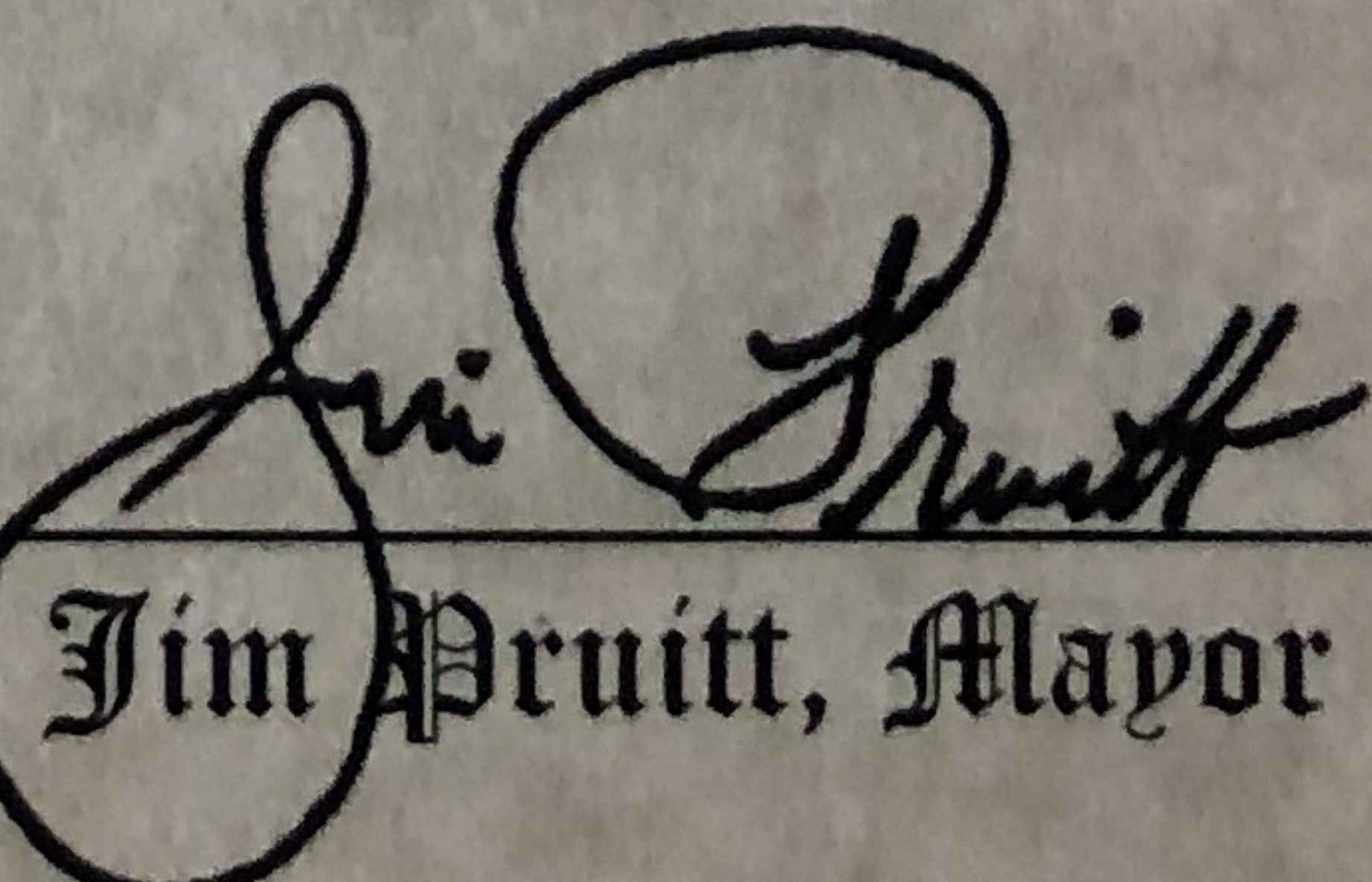
**May 9 – 15, 2021, as:**

## **FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK**

in the City of Rockwall and encourage all citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.

*In Witness Whereof*, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2021.



  
Jim Pruitt, Mayor