

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Rains High School Lady Cats girls basketball team has represented Rains County and the community of Emory with outstanding sportsmanship, dedication, and competitive excellence throughout the 2025–2026 season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cats earned a berth in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Class 3A Division I State Tournament, advancing to the state semifinals and thereby placing themselves among approximately the top one percent of all Class 3A girls basketball teams in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary achievement reflects years of hard work and commitment by the student athletes, who have brought honor and recognition to Rains High School, Rains Independent School District, and all of Rains County; and

WHEREAS, during the 2025–2026 season the Lady Cats were crowned 2026 District 12-3A Co-District Champions and advanced to finish as UIL Class 3A Division I State Semifinalists, further demonstrating their sustained excellence and competitive spirit; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cats distinguished themselves not only by how well they played, but by how they played, competing selflessly as a true team, sharing the ball, embracing their roles, and never arguing over shots or positions, thereby exemplifying the very best of high school athletics and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Colton Smith and Assistant Coaches CJ Cannon and Maci Bult, together with the trainers and support staff, have provided steadfast leadership, guidance, and mentorship, fostering not only athletic success but also character, perseverance, humility, and unity among these young women; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Rains County have taken great pleasure and pride in supporting the Lady Cats over the years, filling gyms near and far, and watching this program grow, compete, and excel at the highest levels of high school athletics in Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brent D. Hilliard, County Judge of Rains County, Texas, do hereby proclaim

Monday, March 3, 2026

as

RAINS LADY CATS GIRLS BASKETBALL DAY

in Rains County, and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing and honoring the remarkable achievements of the Rains High School Lady Cats girls basketball team, their coaches, and support staff, and in expressing our gratitude for the joy and pride they have brought to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Rains County, Texas, to be affixed this 23rd day of March, 2026.
