

Proclamation

*Be it known that
Whereas,*

Based on a solar calendar introduced in North India more than 400 years ago, the Bengali and South Asian New Year celebration ushers in the year 1414; and,

Whereas,

The New Year is a seminal event in Bengali and South Asian social and cultural life, corresponding to the harvest and the beginning of the financial year for businesses and reflecting optimism and joy; and,

Whereas,

The Texas Bengali Cultural Alliance is sponsoring an outdoor festival featuring ethnic food and dress, indigenous arts and crafts, and music and dance performances to share the colorful culture of Bengal and other South Asian countries with all Austinites;

Now, Therefore,

*I, Will Wynn, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas,
do hereby proclaim*

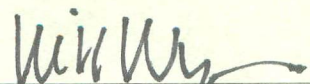
April 14, 2007

as

The Bengali & South Asian New Year Celebration

in Austin.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Austin to be affixed this 22nd Day of February in the Year Two Thousand Seven


Will Wynn, Mayor, City of Austin

