



STATE OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN

PRESTON SMITH
GOVERNOR

April 22, 1972

TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS
AND TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF TEXAS OF THE
YEAR 2022 A.D.:

It is my privilege as Governor of Texas to join with the fine citizens of Graham and surrounding area in observance of the Graham Centennial Celebration marking one hundred years of progress since the City's founding in 1872 to our present year 1972.

For one hundred years the citizens of this great community have worked with the many civic leaders, with which the community has been blessed, and have engendered a civic spirit not found in many communities.

These wonderful people have reflected their heritage as Americans and as Texans, and, while striving for a sound economic basis in the community, they have not forgotten to strengthen the faith of the churches, the culture of the schools, the justice and ethics of governments, and the need for recreational facilities. The continuing progress and growth of the City and area reflects the dedication and civic mindedness of its people. It was my privilege, as Governor of Texas, to present to the City of Graham the first community Achievement Award in June of 1970.

Today, as we join together in this celebration--as we recount the glories of the past--as we express our just pride in our

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City, State and Country of the present--we also must dedicate ourselves to the future. This then is the message I am expressing by this means to the Governor of our great State in the year 2022 A. D. and to all the people of Texas of the year 2022, that we as leaders of government and as citizens of this year 1972 will continue our dedicated and untiring efforts to build a better City, a better State and a better Nation for the benefit of all mankind.

Sincerely,
Preston Smith

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Governor of Texas

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