



## NATIONAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DAY

**WHEREAS**, a fundamental principle of our government is that a well-informed citizenry can take part in the important decisions that set the present and future course of the nation, and numerous acts of Congress, including the Freedom of Information Act, are intended to further this principle; and

**WHEREAS**, March 16 is the anniversary of the birth of James Madison, fourth President of the United States, who understood the value of information in a democratic society, as well as the importance of its free and open dissemination in order for government to be most responsive to the people it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Public Information Act is a critical protection to ensure that government entities give citizens access to information about what public servants are doing on their behalf—information they need to gain a more complete understanding of how their government works; and

**WHEREAS**, access to information is essential to preserving the rule of law, protecting the democratic process, and defending the liberty we all cherish.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Thom Kolupski, Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, City staff, and all residents of the City of Seabrook, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2021 as National Freedom of Information Day in Seabrook.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, do set my hand, and cause the Seal of the City to be affixed this the 16th day of March, 2021.



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Thomas G. Kolupski  
Mayor