

National Train Day
May 10, 2008

WHEREAS, On May 10, 1869 in the state of Utah, the “Golden Spike” was driven into the final tie that joined the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railways and creating the first transcontinental railroad; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak’s celebration of National Train Day is to raise awareness of the vital role rail plays in the nation’s transportation system; and

WHEREAS, trains continue to be the go-to mode of transport for people and goods and continues to be a cultural force that sparked creative imaginations as an American icon; and

WHEREAS, more than just a great way to travel, Amtrak is energy efficient. Traveling by rail contributes less per passenger mile to greenhouse gas emissions than either cars or planes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Dean, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Longview, Texas, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2008 as **National Train Day** in Longview.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix
my signature this 8th day of May 2008.



Jay Dean, Mayor