

PROCLAMATION *Honoring* LILA SMETHURST

WHEREAS, Lila Smethurst, a 12-year-old baking extraordinaire from San Antonio with deep family roots in Seguin, proudly represented Texas on the Food Network’s “Kids Baking Championship,” a baking competition TV show; and

WHEREAS, after winning four of the season’s 10 challenges, Lila took home the top prize in the final challenge with a science fair inspired polar-themed volcano cake, clinching the “Kids Baking Championship” Season 12 crown, along with \$25,000 and a feature in Food Network Magazine; and

WHEREAS Lila is not only a national baking champion, but also a young entrepreneur who took her hobby to the next level by starting “Lila’s Butterbomb Bakery,” a custom online cake order business, at age 9; and

WHEREAS, inspired by her mom’s cancer journey, Lila is raising money for cancer research through her “Baking Up a Cure” charitable initiative with proceeds given to the V Foundation for Cancer Research; and

WHEREAS, while balancing all these endeavors, Lila has thrived academically in school where she consistently maintains “All A Honor Roll,” is in Gifted & Talented honors classes, qualified for National Junior Honor Society, received the Presidential Service Award for 85 community service hours and will be joining the National Charity League; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Donna Dodgen, Mayor of the City of Seguin, in recognition of the outstanding achievements and contributions being made by Lila Smethurst, do gladly hereby proclaim the 4th day of June 2024 as

“Lila Smethurst Day”

in the City of Seguin and encourage all citizens to applaud Lila for following her dreams, exemplifying a “never give up” spirit and making our world a much sweeter place.

Presented this 4th day of June 2024



It's real.

Donna Dodgen, Mayor