Four Chaplains Sunday Proclamation 2016

WHEREAS, February 3, 2016, will mark the 73rd anniversary of the sinking of the troopship U.S.A.T. Dorchester, which carried to their deaths four U.S. Army Chaplains of three faiths who stood united in prayer as the ship went down; and

WHEREAS, these four Chaplains, Roman Catholic, Jewish and Protestant gave their own life jackets to four soldiers and thus sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the heroic deeds of Chaplains Lt. George L. Fox, Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Lt. Johnny P. Washington and Lt. Clark V. Poling and their combined act of supreme devotion and sacrifice for American liberty and human freedom will be an inspiring and ever shining example of real Brotherhood for all time to the people of the world; and

WHEREAS, we must all see to it that their supreme sacrifice to the common cause of human freedom and justice for all shall not have been in vain; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Keil, Mayor of Seguin, Texas do hereby designate Sunday, February 7, 2016 to be observed as Four Chaplains Sunday and the week of February 7-13, 2016, be observed as Religious Emphasis Week and call upon all our citizens to commemorate the day and week with appropriate observances in public places and by prayers in their homes and house of worship.

Signed and presented this 3rd day of February 2016



Don Keil, Mayor

Thalia Patlán Stautzenberger, City Secretary