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The community of Celina is renowned for the special effort it makes to celebrate Halloween, and it has created a much-anticipated event that is visited by ghosts, witches, mummies, and a multitude of other costumed revelers from all around North Texas.

Hailed as the largest Halloween celebration in the area, Beware! Of the Square draws as many as 7,000 people to Celina's historic downtown square each year.

Featuring activities for all ages, Beware! Of the Square includes trick-or-treating, with candy provided by local businesses, as well as Halloween-themed music and an obstacle course and other activities for younger children.

The Celina High School theater department contributes to the fun by presenting its special Halloween play, *Nightmare on the Hill*. The frightfully exciting evening concludes with the outdoor screening of a scary film in the square.

By joining together for Beware! Of the Square, the residents of Celina and surrounding communities have created a popular Halloween tradition that is beloved by young and old alike, and this delightful event serves as an opportunity to showcase the city and to enjoy a spooky good time.

RESOLVED

That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate Celina as the official Halloween Capital of North Texas.

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally passed by the legislature.