



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1888, the St. Louis Southwestern Railway, which was later named the Cotton Belt Route, built a railroad line through what was then Gibbs, Texas. Its prime purpose was to transport cotton from Texas eastward to St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, in 1890, a railroad depot was built there and named after George Coppel. He was a major bond holder and was a principal of the firm Maitland & Coppel, Inc in New York City; and

WHEREAS, in 1892, the town officially changed its name to Coppel, Texas, USA; and

WHEREAS, from 1909 to 1914, the Algoma Central Railway built a railroad line from Sault-Sainte-Marie, Ontario, Canada north to Hearst, Ontario. Its prime purpose was to haul lumber south from Hearst to Sault-Sainte-Marie; and

WHEREAS, in 1914, a railroad depot was located 10 miles (15 km) from its northern terminus at Hearst, Ontario. One of the major bond holders was Herbert Coppel, who was the son of George Coppel, who worked for his father's firm; and

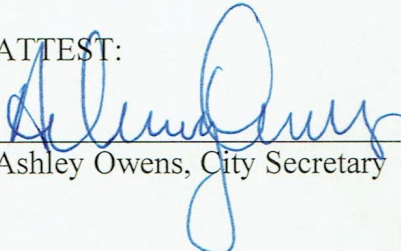
WHEREAS, the town was named after Herbert Coppel and is now the dispersed rural community of Coppel, Ontario, CANADA; and

WHEREAS, the two towns named Coppel are distanced by 1,400 miles (2,200 km), and are separated by an international boundary, they share a common heritage defined by the people who settled there. Those first families staked their claim along a newly built railroad line in a place that was often hard and unforgiving. Whether growing cotton or cutting timber, it required a people who worked hard, had strong values, and held deep faith. It is in that common spirit and determination of our founders that we share more than just the name Coppel.

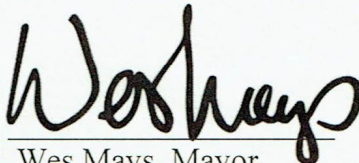
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wes Mays, Mayor of the City of Coppel, Texas, express our friendship to those in Coppel, Ontario who we share the same name, Coppel.

IN WITNESS THERE OF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppel to be affixed this 15th day of March 2023.

ATTEST:


Ashley Owens, City Secretary




Wes Mays, Mayor