



## **THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY**

**May 2014 – Week 3**

**Air Date: May 18 – May 24 (Sunday – Saturday)**

### **TITLE: TEXAS OUR TEXAS**

MAY 1929 AND TEXAS SINGS A NEW SONG.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

MAY 23, 1929. AUSTIN. THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS HATE IT. A DALLAS SENATOR SAYS IT'S THE SORRIEST SONG EVER WRITTEN.

BUT TODAY, GOVERNOR DAN MOODY SIGNS A BILL NAMING “TEXAS, OUR TEXAS” THE OFFICIAL STATE SONG.

WRITTEN BY ENGLISHMAN WILLIAM MARSH, THE TUNE WON A CONTEST HELD BY GOVERNOR PAT NEFF. YET MARSH NEVER GOT THE PRIZE MONEY BECAUSE IN 1925, GOVERNOR MA FERGUSON DECIDED TO HOLD HER OWN CONTEST TO FIND A STATE SONG.

AFTER TWO-YEARS, “TEXAS, OUR TEXAS” IS AGAIN NAMED THE WINNER.

AN ENGLISHMAN’S PRIZEWINNER BECAME THE OFFICIAL SONG OF TEXAS, 85 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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