## National Motto Project Brazoria County, Texas

There is a national movement gaining strength throughout America to display the National Motto, In God We Trust, prominently in public and private buildings including school classrooms, council chambers, businesses, churches, and on law enforcement and private vehicles.

In God We Trust first appeared on coins during the Civil War, and in 1956 it was voted unanimously by Congress to become the National Motto which President Eisenhower signed making it law. At that time the National Motto was required to be printed on U.S. paper currency and the words, Under God, were included in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Since then there have been many attempts to remove the words of the National Motto as well as other phrases such as "Under God" or "God Bless America," but the Courts have repeatedly rejected those efforts saying that these simple references to God do not violate the U.S. Constitution. From the 5th Circuit Court (which serves Texas), the Appellate Courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court, the legal right to display the National Motto has been upheld. Furthermore, in 2003, Texas Education Code Sec. 1.004 was added stating, "A public elementary or secondary school or an institution of higher education...may display the United States National Motto, "In God We Trust," in each classroom, auditorium, and cafeteria."

If someone is offended by such a display and protests or writes a letter complaining and/or threatening, First Liberty Institute, phone number 972-941-4444, has invited us to give them a call, and they will in turn advise us how to proceed and help in whatever way is needed.

More information can be obtained through the Congressional Prayer Caucus https://cpcfoundation.com or https://ingodwetrust.com/. First Liberty's web site is https://firstliberty.org. You may also contact us at 979-824-3239 or linda.kellogg50@gmail.com.

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