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1953 WACO TORNADO 70th ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

WACO, TEXAS (May 9, 2023) – Please join the City of Waco for a brief 1953 Waco Tornado Remembrance Ceremony commemorating the 70th anniversary. The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, at the tornado memorial on the corner of N 4th Street and Austin Avenue in Downtown Waco.

May 11 marks the 70th anniversary of the tornado that devastated downtown Waco at the end of the business day, killing 114 people, injuring 600, and destroying hundreds of buildings. Members of the Waco City Council will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony and a moment of silence, with remarks from Mayor Dillon Meek. Honor Guards with the Waco Fire and Police Departments will participate in the ceremony as well. Flowers will be available for the public to leave at the memorial site throughout the day as a tribute. (Limited supply is available.)

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