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PRESS RELEASE

Texas Land Commissioner Buckingham Announces Next Phase of Alamo Cenotaph Restoration Project

Cenotaph will remain in place and undergo structural repair

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AUSTIN — Today, Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D. announced the next phase of the Alamo Cenotaph Restoration Project, which will address structural and corrosion issues uncovered in the recent Cenotaph Structural Integrity Investigation. The goal of this project is to return the Cenotaph to its original condition while implementing a long-term maintenance plan for its enduring legacy where the monument will always stand.

"As a proud Texan committed to preserving our heritage, I can assure you that this celebrated symbol of sacrifice and valor will never be moved, said Commissioner Buckingham. "With the implementation of this necessary restoration project, we will be able to ensure the Cenotaph will always stand tall, honoring the men and women who chose to sacrifice all at the Alamo and resist surrender — despite overwhelming odds."



The next phase of the restoration project will begin in July 2024 and focus on comprehensive repairs and preservation efforts for the monument. It is expected to conclude in early 2025, pending necessary adjustments based on the intricacy of the findings during the restoration process.

All work will be conducted onsite, and a perimeter fence will be erected to ensure safety and security for all visitors. A dedicated team of experts from Clark\Guido, an original contractor constructing the Cenotaph, will lead the restoration efforts. This team will work under the oversight of Architexas, the architect of record, ensuring that the restoration adheres to historic preservation standards while incorporating up-to-date techniques for long-term durability and aesthetic appeal. Additionally, all necessary permits for the restoration project will be obtained from the Texas Historical Commission.

The Alamo's website will provide updates on the restoration project, including live camera access for the public to observe the ongoing work: <u>https://www.thealamo.org/cenotaph-live-cam</u>. The project perimeter will be fenced for safety, without covered screens, allowing patrons to observe and stay informed about the restoration efforts.