

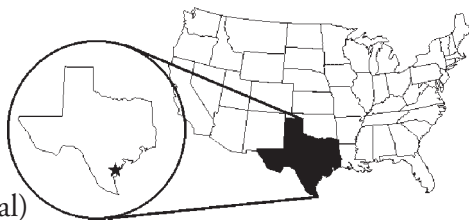
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS



Population Rank: U.S. # 60
Texas # 8

Proportions: 2:3 (official)

Adopted: 10 March 1953 (official)



DESIGN: The flag of Corpus Christi has a sky blue field with a white seagull in full flight facing the fly. Surrounding the seagull are 8 evenly-spaced large white five-pointed stars, about .25 unit high on a field of 2 by 3 units; they form a circle of 1.8 units in diameter. The seagull fills most of the field within the circle, but its wings extend a small distance beyond the circle of stars, the left wing at 2 o'clock and the right wing at 7 o'clock.

SYMBOLISM: The ordinance of adoption details the symbolism: *The sky blue field, or background, in such flag represents the Corpus Christi Bay on which the world's largest Naval Air Station is located, and the sea gull superim-*

posed thereon represents the people of Corpus Christi, both those who were born and raised here and those who have come as visitors and friends to become residents, and the eight (8) stars superimposed thereon and surrounding the white sea gull symbolize the eight major industries of the City of Corpus Christi, being that of Agriculture, Commerce, Oil, Chemicals, Grains, Sea Foods, Metals and Ore Refining, and Tourist Trade.

HOW SELECTED: In 1952, the city council sponsored a contest for a new city flag in all junior and senior high schools in the city.

DESIGNER: The winner of the contest was 16-year-old Barbara Hesse.

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