## ROGER HARMON JOHNSON COUNTY JUDGE

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STATE OF TEXAS
JOHNSON COUNTY

## **PROCLAMATION**

## OFFICER JACK GOLEMAN DAY

- WHEREAS, Jack Goleman was born on Christmas Eve, 1966, with the odds stacked against him due to a congenital birth defect that, up until his case, had always proven fatal; and
- WHEREAS, Through experimental medical procedures now documented in medical journals, Jack survived his condition, although one of the results was that he does not have a "belly button", a fact that he has always been very proud of, and has often used for his benefit; and
- WHEREAS, Officer Goleman served a short time with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and then transferred to the Burleson Police Department where he served the citizens of Burleson for over 27 years as a police officer; and
- WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Burleson Police Department, he received over 100 commendations, including seven Meritorious Conduct citations, and Officer of the Year in 1994; and
- WHEREAS, All who know him love him for his unique style of humor, often resulting in what has become known as "Jackisms" such as ,"Has anyone told you they love you today? Well, there's still time.", "I can tell you didn't worry about doing your hair this morning!", and, "Did you make that shirt out of a tablecloth?"; and
- WHEREAS, Officer Goleman's most noted accomplishments came from his being the first School Resource Officer for the Burleson Police Department, and serving in that capacity for 17 years; and

- WHEREAS, As a School Resource Officer, Jack had a unique and unmatched ability to connect with the youth in the schools, either using the fact that he had no belly button to break the ice, that he would shoot basketball hoops with kids while he was in uniform, or that he was known for always carrying a rubber "bouncy ball" that he would use to interact with kids often times to the dismay of the school administration; and
- WHEREAS, Officer Goleman is a legend among the thousands of students who went through Burleson schools over the years as he treated each and every one as he was their "School Dad", mentoring them to be successful while in school, successful in the remainder of their lives, and many times connecting with and motivating students that otherwise would not have graduated high school; and
- WHEREAS, His genuine love for whom he would call "his kids" in the schools, resulted in livelong relationships being formed between him and many of the students, even being asked to be the best man at their weddings, and once giving a bride away for a girl whose father was incarcerated; and
- WHEREAS, Officer Jack Goleman is now, after more than 27 years of dedicated, devoted service to the citizens and youth of Burleson, Texas, will be retiring from his duties as a police officer, creating a void that will be impossible to fill, and leaving a legacy that will be measured by the positive difference he has made in the lives of thousands of Johnson County youth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Roger Harmon, County Judge of Johnson County, and we the Commissioners of the four precincts in Johnson County, do hereby proclaim January 31, 2014, as

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in Johnson County and encourage all citizens to applaud the career of a retiring Burleson Police Officer who will be known for the immeasurable contributions and influences he has made throughout his career.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this the 27th day of January, 2014.

Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. #1

enny Howell, Commissioner Pct. #2

Jerry D. Stringer, Commissioner Pct. #3

Don Beeson, Commissioner Pct. #4

ATTEST: Becky Williams, County Clerk



Proclamation:
Officer Jack Goleman Day January 31, 2014
CC: January 27, 2014