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**JOHNSON COUNTY** 

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**PROCLAMATION** 

STATE OF TEXAS

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WHEREAS, on June 14, Americans will observe the 237<sup>th</sup> birthday of the flag of the United States of America, a special day providing a time for our Nation to reflect on our flag's rich history and its meaning to Americans and people around the world; and

WHEREAS, The Continental Congress adopted the "Stars and Stripes" as the official flag of our young republic on June 14, 1777, describing "White signifies Purity and Innocence; Red: hardiness and valor; Blue signifies Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice"; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day was first celebrated throughout the country in 1877 to mark the centennial of the birth of our national symbol and after three decades of State and local celebrations, President Woodrow Wilson officially established Flag Day by proclamation in 1916; and

WHEREAS, during the darkest hours of World War II, Americans looked to the purity, hardiness, valor, vigilance, perseverance, and justice represented by "Old Glory" as ideals worthy of the ultimate sacrifice in order to defeat tyranny and Flag Day became a national observance by Act of Congress in 1949 and was signed into law by President Harry Truman; and

WHEREAS, for over 225 years, our flag has proudly represented our Nation and our ideals at home and abroad; it has billowed above monuments and memorials, flown beside the halls of government; stood watch over our oldest institutions, and graced our homes and storefronts; has been lowered to mourn those we have lost and will forever reflect the growth of our Republic and will forever remain an emblem of the ideals that inspired our great Nation: liberty, democracy and enduring freedom to make of our lives what we will; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary has taken the history and respect towards our flat to the young people in Johnson County in an effort to convey the importance and value of this National symbol.

**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 June 14, 2014 as

## "Flag Day"

And further proclaim the week beginning June 9, 2014 as

## Johnson County Flag Week

and urge all Americans to observe Flag Day and Flag Week by displaying the flag of our country with pride and all due ceremony those days from Flag Day through Independence Day as a time to honor American, to celebrate our heritage in public gatherings and activities and to publicly recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this the 9th day of June, 2014.

Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct.#1

Kenny Howell, Commissioner Pct.#2

Jerry D. Stringer, Commissioner Pct.#3

Don Beeson, Commissioner Pct.#4

ATTEST: Decky Williams, County Clerk

Proclamation
Flag Recognition Day/Week
CC June 9, 2014