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PROCLAMATION

STATE OF TEXAS

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NATIONAL ALPACA FARM DAYS IN AMERICA

- WHEREAS, the County Judge and Commissioners of Johnson County, Texas recognizes the alpaca as bona fide livestock; and
- WHEREAS, the County Judge and Commissioners of Johnson County, Texas will celebrate with other states of this great UNITED STATES in recognizing September 27-28, 2014 as NATIONAL ALPACA FARM DAYS IN AMERICA; and
- WHEREAS, the Alpaca, known world wide for its luxurious fiber is increasing in numbers of livestock and breeding farms dedicate to the raising of the alpaca in Johnson County, Texas; and
- WHEREAS, the County Judge and Commissioners of Johnson County, Texas recognizes and celebrates the <u>Farmer</u> who prepares, maintains and provides proper husbandry for the alpaca in **Johnson County**, **Texas**; and
- WHEREAS, the alpaca being an earth friendly species allows farmers to maintain green space and keep the <u>family farm</u> in existence while we anticipate the emergence of a <u>national alpaca textile industry</u>; and
- WHEREAS, the last weekend in September as proclaimed by the Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association, Inc, as National Alpaca Farm Days in America, the County Judge and Commissioners of Johnson County, Texas hereby makes it known that all Johnson County Residents should recognize and celebrate this special animal and join the AOA and its MEMBERS; owners and breeders of the alpaca in their festival, and farm day celebrations as they may be proclaimed; and

- WHEREAS, the County Judge and Commissioners recognize the emerging value of the alpaca to our state, to affirm our commitment to retaining the family farm, and joining all the breeders and owners of the alpaca all over the United States of America to recognize this special livestock; and
- WHEREAS, the alpaca, with its luxurious fleece which provides fiber products that provide warmth, hypoallergenic attributes, extreme softness, durable but light weight qualities joins the Agribusiness of our great County and we welcome them by this Proclamation to commemorate NATIONAL ALPACA FARM DAYS IN AMERICA-SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2014; and

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, Texas, do hereby proclaim September 27-28, 2014 as

"NATIONAL ALPACA FARM DAYS IN AMERICA"

in Johnson County, Texas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this the 8th day of September, 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: Becky Williams, County Clerk

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