

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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RESOLUTION

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

RESOLUTION ADVOCATING HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY AND OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENTS AND THERAPY FOR TBI AND PTSD

WHEREAS, the 'signature wounds' of Iraq and Afghanistan are Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and are significant health issues for Texas veterans returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND)); and

WHEREAS, the effects of these conditions are usually long lasting and often life threatening (frequently suicide), and currently there are no definitive medical treatments for TBI and the treatments being provided today are only palliative drugs and/or counseling; and

WHEREAS, several, well documented, more curative therapies are available, including Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT), that offer additional, alternative, curative ways to restore affected Veterans lives and minds; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have demonstrated that the untreated, lingering effects of these injuries adversely impact the returned Veterans' lives, resulting frequently in destroyed families, drug and alcohol use, unemployment, mental illness, incarceration, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, these results show up in society and communities as increased unemployment rates, public health care treatment costs, mental illness costs, alcohol and drug treatment costs, family breakups, and disrupted lives; and

WHEREAS, neither the VA, Military Medicine, nor Medicare will reimburse Medical Practitioners for their efforts to help these Veterans.

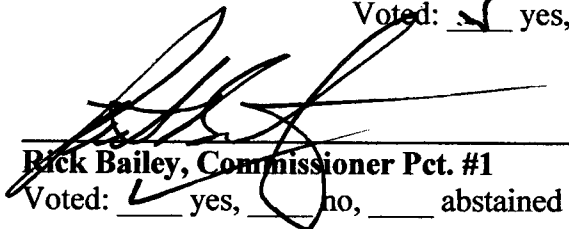
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I Roger Harmon, County Judge of Johnson County, and we the Commissioners of the four precincts in Johnson County, do hereby urge the Texas State Government to provide appropriate funding and focus to provide results orientated, evidence based, proven treatment, including Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, for return Texas Veterans that suffer the residual, after-effects of TBI and PTSD.

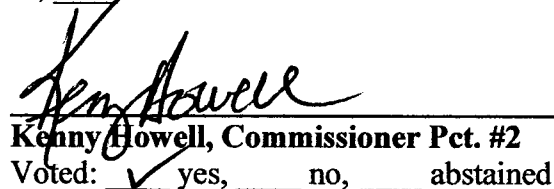
ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014 BY THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY.

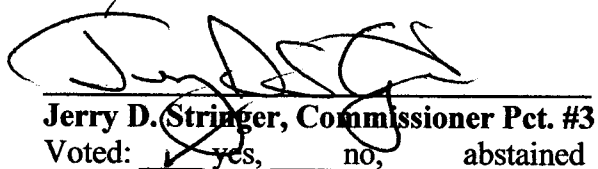
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereto set our hands and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on the 22nd day of September, 2014.


Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

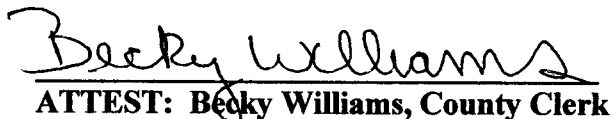
Voted: yes, ___ no, ___ abstained


Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. #1
Voted: yes, ___ no, ___ abstained


Kenny Howell, Commissioner Pct. #2
Voted: yes, ___ no, ___ abstained


Jerry D. Stringer, Commissioner Pct. #3
Voted: yes, ___ no, ___ abstained

Don Beeson, Commissioner Pct. #4
Voted: ___ yes, ___ no, ___ abstained


ATTEST: Becky Williams, County Clerk

