

SEP 10 2018

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

**Presented**

RICK BAILEY
Commissioner Pct. #1

ROGER HARMON
County Judge

JERRY D. STRINGER
Commissioner Pct. #3

KENNY HOWELL
Commissioner Pct. #2

Carla Hester
Assistant to Commissioner's Court

LARRY WOOLLEY
Commissioner Pct. #4

JOHNSON COUNTY

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PROCLAMATION**STATE OF TEXAS**

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAYS

WHEREAS, the third Friday of each September has been nationally recognized as POW/MIA Recognition Day since 1979 to commemorate the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action military personnel whose whereabouts remain unknown; and

WHEREAS, this day is recognized throughout the nation and around the world on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools, churches, national veteran and civic organizations, police and fire departments, fire stations, Federal buildings and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit, Post and Squadron 50 in Cleburne together with the other Veterans Service Organizations in Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, the remains of many Korean and WWII servicemen have been identified and are being returned home to their families and an estimated 32,000 former POWs live among us nationally and World War II MIA are almost 73,000; 7,699 missing from the Korean War; 1597 are unaccounted for from the Vietnam War and the number from our current war changes daily; and of the total 82,333 POW/MIA, 2000 are from Texas; and

WHEREAS, the recent death of former POW Senator John McCain brings these numbers to the forefront as individuals and not just statistics; and

WHEREAS, we wish to pay tribute to the service members who have not returned from the battlefield; to stand beside their families and honor those who are held captive as prisoners of war while we pledge to never forget their sacrifice, nor ever abandon our responsibility to do everything in our power to bring them home; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County residents realize our work is not finished until our heroes are returned safely to our shores or a full accounting is provided to their loved ones and further desire to participate in the national POW/MIA

Recognition Day inasmuch as there are families in Johnson County that still await knowledge of their loved-one's whereabouts since as long ago as World War I; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Roger Harmon, County Judge of Johnson County, together with the Commissioners Court hereby proclaim participation of September 10-21, 2018 in observance of

“NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAYS”

In Johnson County and I do hereby call upon residents of Johnson County to join me in honoring former American Prisoners of War who suffered the hardships of enemy captivity and in renewing our commitment to those still Missing in Action and encourage the wearing and displaying of yellow ribbons and the flying of the POW/MIA flag to symbolize this tribute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this the 10th day of September, 2018.



Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge


Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. #1


Kenny Howell, Commissioner Pct. #2


Jerry D. Stringer, Commissioner Pct. #3


Larry Woolley, Commissioner Pct. #4


ATTEST: Becky Ivey, County Clerk

Proclamation:
National POW/MIA Recognition Days
CC 09-10-2018

