

**JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**



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Commissioner Pct. #4

**JOHNSON COUNTY**

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**PROCLAMATION**

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**JOHNSON COUNTY MEMORIAL POPPY DAYS**

**WHEREAS,** Today's Americans in the military are from all backgrounds and corners of our country and continue to serve with valor, courage, and distinction in the United States Armed Forces, standing shoulder to shoulder with the giants of our Nation's history, writing their own chapter in the American story. Many of today's warriors know what it means to lose a friend too soon, and all our service members and their families understand the true meaning of sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS,** This Memorial Day, we express our deepest appreciation to the men and women in uniform who gave their last full measure of devotion so we might live in freedom. We cherish their memory and pray for the peace for which they laid down their lives. We mourn with the families and friends of those we have lost, and hope they find comfort in knowing their loved ones died with honor. We ask for God's grace to protect those fighting in distant lands, and we renew our promise to support our troops, their families, and our veterans. Their unwavering devotion inspires us all -- they are the best of America; and

**WHEREAS,** Since our Nation's founding, America's sons and daughters have given their lives in service to our country from Concord and Gettysburg, the Pacific islands and Normandy, from Inchon and Khe Sanh to Baghdad and Kandahar, they departed our world as heroes and gave their lives for a cause greater than themselves; and on Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those who have paid the ultimate price to defend the United States and the principles upon which America was founded; and

**WHEREAS,** 2019 commemorates 75 years since the June 6, 1944 D-Day – the largest seaborne invasion in history with over 156,000 troops landing in Normandy. We especially honor the heroes of that unforgettable battle that were lost and those that survived; and

**WHEREAS,** The poppy has become a world-wide known and recognized symbol of sacrifice and is a symbol of hope for all veterans who served this great country through military service; and each year, nation-wide, American Legion Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of bright red crepe paper poppies in exchange for contributions to assist military families, disabled and hospitalized veterans; and

**WHEREAS,** It is our sacred duty of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion and all patriotic citizens to preserve the legacy of these brave Americans, and it remains our charge to work for peace, freedom, and security as we strive to uphold the founding principles they died defending; let their legacy continue to inspire our Nation; and let this solemn lesson of service and sacrifice be taught to future generations of Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** In honor of their dedication and service to America, we call upon the people of Johnson County to observe Memorial Day by attending a Memorial Day ceremony.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I,** Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge together with the Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, May 27, 2019, as

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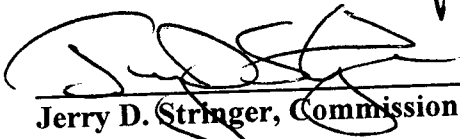
and urge the residents of Johnson County to attend a Memorial Day Program, carry on the proud southern tradition of grave decoration and to wear a memorial poppy as mute evidence of gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.


**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

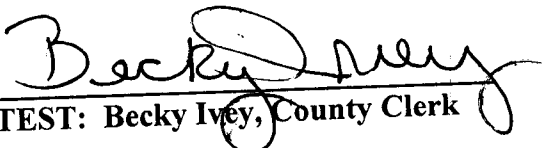
  
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ATTEST: Becky Iviey, County Clerk

Proclamation:  
“Johnson County Memorial Poppy Days”  
CC 05-10-2019

