

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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JOHNSON COUNTY

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PROCLAMATION

STATE OF TEXAS

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II

WHEREAS, It is the custom of the Commissioner's Court to commemorate significant events which represent turning points in our American history and which are indelibly etched in the saga of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County, Texas commemorates the 75th Anniversary of V-J-Day in the United States and Japan's formal surrender to the allies and the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, The invasion of Japan promised to be the bloodiest seaborne attack of all time, conceivably 10 times as costly as the Normandy invasion in terms of allied casualties; and

WHEREAS, on July 16th, when the United States secretly detonated the world's first atomic bomb and it became a new option and ten days later, the Allies issued the Potsdam Declaration demanding the "unconditional surrender of all the Japanese armed forces"; failure to comply would mean the inevitable and complete destruction and devastation of the Japanese homeland; and

WHEREAS, United States President Harry Truman ordered the attack to proceed and on August 6th, the B-29 bomber Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima, killing an estimated 80,000 people and fatally wounding thousands more; and upon further resistance by the Japan War Council on August 8th the USSR declared war against Japan followed by Soviet forces attacking Manchuria and a second U.S. atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese coastal city of Nagasaki; and

WHEREAS, between August 9 - 14th a total and complete surrender by Japan was accepted by the United States with MacArthur to head the Allied occupation of Japan and to preside over the surrender; President Truman chose the USS Missouri – a battleship that had seen action in the Pacific and was named after Truman's native state; and

WHEREAS, on September 2nd, just after 9 am Tokyo Time, Japanese Foreign Minister signed the formal surrender on behalf of the Japanese government and General Yoshijiro Umezu signed for the Japanese armed forces; and

WHEREAS, General MacArthur signed on behalf of the United Nations, declaring, "It is my earnest hope and indeed the hope of all mankind that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past"; the ceremony ended, the sun burst through the clouds; the most devastating war in history was over; and


WHEREAS, Johnson County citizens served in World War II and many never came back and in recognition of these sacrifices and of the service and sacrifices of the World War II veterans that came back forever changed to their families that had sacrificed and suffered during WWII and C.E. DeLario American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion supported then and supports now our veterans of World War II and all wars; now, therefore, be it

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge together with the Commissioners Court do hereby proclaim August 24, 2020 to September 2, 2020 as:

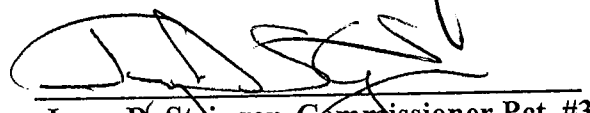
"75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this the 24th day of August, 2020.



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

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CC 08-24-2020

