

# JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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Commissioner Pct. #4

STATE OF TEXAS

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PROCLAMATION

JOHNSON COUNTY

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## FOUR CHAPLAINS DAYS OF UNITY

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**WHEREAS,** February 3, 2021, will mark the seventy-eighth anniversary of the sinking of the troopship DORCHESTER, which carried to their deaths four Chaplains of three faiths who stood united in prayer as the ship went down; and

**WHEREAS,** THE MEN Clark V. Poling, Alexander D. Goode, John P. Washington and George L. Fox will be remembered and exalted for the voluntary sacrifice of their lives in the early dawn of February 3, 1943; and

**WHEREAS,** These four Chaplains, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant gave their own life-jackets to four soldiers and thus sacrificed their own lives to save the lives of others; and

**WHEREAS,** It is fitting at a time when the freedom of the world is imperiled and the need for unity and end of divisiveness is critical that Johnson County should give special recognition to the memory of those who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom and worked together as one regardless of their religious differences; and

**WHEREAS,** The heroic deed of the four Chaplains and their combined act of supreme devotion, unity and sacrifice for American liberty and human freedom will be an inspiring and ever shining example of real brotherhood for all time to the people of the world; and

**WHEREAS,** The American Legion Auxiliary, The American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion annually honor in remembrance of the unity and the unselfishness demonstrated by these Four Chaplains; and

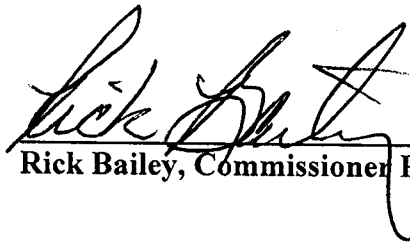
**WHEREAS,** We must all see to it that their supreme sacrifice to the cause of human freedom and justice for all shall not have been made in vain;

**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 February 3, 2021 - February 7, 2021 as:

**“FOUR CHAPLAINS DAYS OF UNITY”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

  
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Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

  
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ATTEST: Becky Ivey, County Clerk

Proclamation:  
Four Chaplains Days of Unity  
January 25, 2021

