JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



Presented

RICK BAILEY Commissioner Pct. #1

KENNY HOWELL Commissioner Pct. #2 ROGER HARMON County Judge

PAULA REID Assistant to Commissioner's Court MIKE WHITE Commissioner Pct. #3

LARRY WOOLLEY Commissioner Pct. #4

JOHNSON COUNTY

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PROCLAMATION

STATE OF TEXAS

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POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

- 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 72,449; 7,565 missing from the Korean War; 1584 are unaccounted for from the Vietnam War and 128 from the Cold War; and of the total 81,726 POW/MIA, almost 2000 are from Texas; 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 to their families; and

- WHEREAS, Johnson County patriotic citizens 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
- WHEREAS, Cleburne American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit and S.A.L. will host a ceremony at 313 West Chambers for the purpose of remembering and honoring these heroes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Roger Harmon, County Judge of Johnson County, together with the Commissioners Court hereby proclaim participation of September 17, 2021 in observance of

"POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY"

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 13th day of September, 2021.

Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. #1

enny Nowell, Commissioner Pct. #2

Mike White, Commissioner Pct. #3

Larry Woolley, Commissioner Pct.

ATTEST: Becky Ivey, County Clerk

Proclamation: POW/MIA Recognition Day CC 09-13-2021