

MAY 22 2023



# JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

## Presented

**Christopher Boedeker**  
County Judge

**Rick Bailey**  
Commissioner  
Precinct 1

**Kenny Howell**  
Commissioner  
Precinct 2

**Mike White**  
Commissioner  
Precinct 3

**Larry Woolley**  
Commissioner  
Precinct 4

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

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**PROCLAMATION**

**COUNTY OF JOHNSON**

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## JOHNSON COUNTY MEMORIAL & REMEMBRANCE DAY JOHNSON COUNTY POPPY DAY

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**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 serving 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, to Normandy, 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,** poppies are worn and displayed as a symbolic tribute to our fallen and the future of living veterans and servicemembers; have 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,** The American Legion Family has long utilized the red poppy as its official flower, symbolizing the blood shed by those who have served in our U.S. military and it is fitting that as The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary in their second century, they expand the meaning and symbolism of the poppy and wearing a poppy will unite citizens across the country as they decide to show their patriotism; 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 most solemn American ‘holiday’ be remembered and 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,** Christopher Boedeker, County Judge of Johnson County, and we the Commissioners of the four Precincts in Johnson County, Texas, do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, May 29, 2023, as:

**“JOHNSON COUNTY MEMORIAL & REMEMBRANCE DAY”**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that May 26 shall be proclaimed:

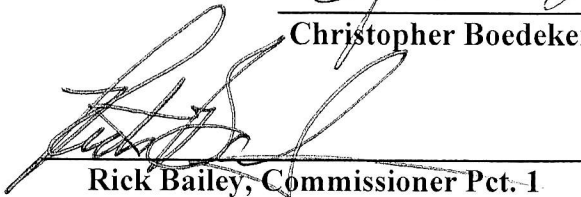
**“JOHNSON COUNTY POPPY DAY”**

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that we do hereby urge the residents of Johnson County to attend a Memorial Day Program, carry on the proud tradition of grave decoration, and to wear a memorial poppy as 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.



**Christopher Boedeker, Johnson County Judge**



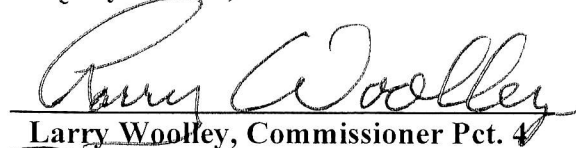
**Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. 1**



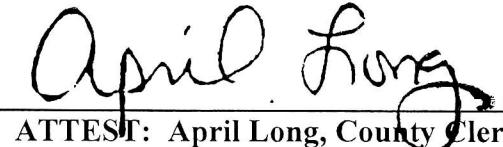
**Kenny Howell, Commissioner Pct. 2**



**Mike White, Commissioner Pct. 3**



**Larry Woolley, Commissioner Pct. 4**



**ATTEST: April Long, County Clerk**

