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JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



Christopher Boedeker County Judge Rick Bailey Commissioner Precinct 1

Kenny Howell Commissioner Precinct 2 Mike White Commissioner Precinct 3

Larry Woolley Commissioner Precinct 4

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	
COUNTY OF JOHNSON	§ §	PROCLAMATION

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS, since 1979, the third Friday of each September has been nationally recognized as POW/MIA Recognition Day to commemorate Prisoners of War and military personnel who are Missing in Action; 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, and Federal buildings, and it is recognized locally by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit, Post and Squadron 50 in Cleburne together with the other Veterans Service Organizations in Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, there are a total of 73,622 POW/MIA, including almost 2,000 from Texas, who consist of an estimated 29,350 former POWs living in the United States, 64,426 missing from World War II; 7,492 missing from the Korean War; 1,578 missing from the Vietnam War and 126 missing from the Cold War; 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's 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 the citizens of Johnson County further desire to participate in the National POW/MIA Recognition Day, 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, Christopher Boedeker, County Judge of Johnson County, and we the Commissioners of the four Precincts in Johnson County, Texas, do hereby proclaim participation of September 15, 2023 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 11th day of September, 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

