



JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



May 13, 2024

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

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PROCLAMATION

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

JOHNSON COUNTY MEMORIAL DAY AND POPPY DAYS

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. Their unwavering devotion inspires us all -- they are the best of America; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of those who have lost their lives as a result of their military service in today's war and previous wars are rightly the concern of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was designated a legal holiday in 1954 and was set aside to remember in gratitude the lives lost in defense of our country's freedom and way of life; and

WHEREAS, World War I veterans returning to the United States remembered the wild poppies lining the battlefields of France and Flanders, and soldiers of all nations came to look upon this red flower as a symbol of the blood spilled by their fellow countrymen in the defense of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the poppy has 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

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary in 1921, adopted the poppy as its memorial flower to pay tribute to the war dead and aid living veterans and their families and the military and their families; and

WHEREAS, each year, nation-wide, The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion volunteers distribute millions of bright red crepe paper poppies in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans; and

WHEREAS, Cleburne’s C.E. DeLario American Legion Auxiliary Unit 50 will distribute poppies with voluntary donations going to Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation funds and the American Legion Family 50 will conduct a Memorial Day Service May 27, at Cleburne Memorial Cemetery and invites everyone to attend.

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 May 24 to May 27, 2024 as:

“JOHNSON COUNTY MEMORIAL DAY & POPPY DAYS”

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we do hereby urge the residents of Johnson County to attend a Memorial Day Program and to wear a memorial poppy as mute 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 13th day of May, 2024.



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

