

## 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	§ 8	PROCLAMATION
COUNTY OF JOHNSON	8 §	

## JOHNSON COUNTY PURPLE HEART MEDAL RECIPIENTS' DAYS OF HONOR

- **WHEREAS,** The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration still in use and was initially created by George Washington in 1782 as the "Badge of Military Merit"; and
- WHEREAS, The Purple Heart was the first American Service Award made available to the common soldier and is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States and recognizes the spirit of volunteerism and selfless dedication of the average American which has been so fundamental to the American way of life; and
- WHEREAS, Countless Americans have been wounded in combat while defending our great Nation against armed enemies, it is most fitting that this special group of veterans be recognized for their outstanding contributions to our Nation's security; and
- WHEREAS, American Legion Post 426 & Post 50, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 426 & Unit 50, Squadron 426 & Squadron 50 Sons of the American Legion and Chapter 1867 of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, recognize the National Day of Recognition of the Purple Heart designated August 7, 2024 as a day to Remember, Recognize and Honor Purple Heart Recipients; and
- WHEREAS, A reception and ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, August 4, 2024, at 2:00 pm at Alvarado Post 426 and all Purple Heart recipients are invited as honored guests and patriotic citizens of Johnson County are also invited to attend to meet and pay tribute to these heroes; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County has over 14,000 veterans many of whom are Purple Heart Recipients and the organizations herein named wish to pledge strong support for these noble organizations and for those who put their lives at risk in service of their Country and their fellow citizens.

**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 August 4-7, 2024 as:

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And further urge residents of Johnson County to display purple ribbons and decorations for this purpose.

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 July, 2024.

Christopher Boedeker, Johnson County Judge

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ATTEST: April Long, County Clerk