



JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



CC 9-9-2024

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

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POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAYS

WHEREAS, the third Friday of each September has been nationally recognized as POW/MIA Recognition Day since 1979 to commemorate 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, 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 72,104; 7,400 missing from the Korean War; 1244 are unaccounted for from the Vietnam War and 38,000 of the more than 80,000 POW/MIA (almost 2000 are from Texas) are estimated to be recoverable; and

WHEREAS, we wish to pay tribute to former POW/MIA personnel in our midst and to the service members who have not returned from the battlefield; to stand beside their families and honor those who were 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, as recently as July, 2024, remains have been returned to their loved ones from as far back as World War II- finally giving closure to these Gold Star 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 Cleburne 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 16-22, 2024 in observance of

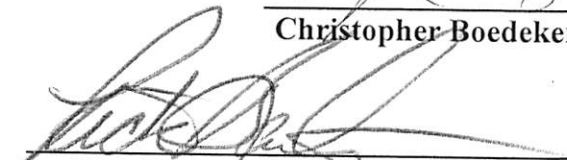
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In Johnson County and I do hereby call upon residents of Johnson County to join me in honoring former American Prisoners of War who suffered the hardships of enemy captivity and in renewing our commitment to those still Missing in Action and encourage 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 9th day of September, 2024.



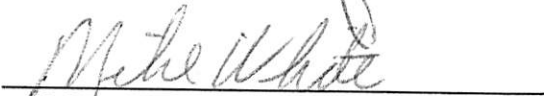
Christopher Boedeker, Johnson County Judge



Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. 1



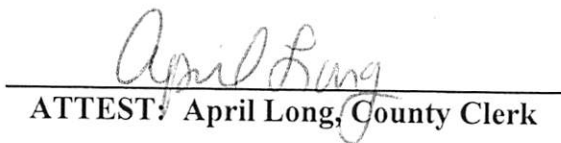
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ATTEST: April Long, County Clerk

