JOHNSON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT

Johnson County PRESENTED Commissioners Court
7.27.2026

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 §
§ **PROCLAMATION**
COUNTY OF JOHNSON §

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 General John Pershing suggested a need for an award for merit in 1918 but it was not until 1932 that the modern Purple Heart was created; 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 there have been over1.9 million Purple Hearts awarded since 1782 for their sacrifice in the name of our nation; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Posts 426 and 50, American Legion Auxiliary Units 426 and 50, Squadron 50 Sons of the American Legion, Squadrons 426 and 50, and Chapter 1867 of The Military Order of the Purple Heart have chosen to recognize the National Day of Recognition of the Purple Heart, designating August 7, 2026 as a day to Remember, Recognize, and Honor Purple Heart Recipients; and will conduct a ceremony on Sunday, August 9, at 2p.m. at Post 426, located at 8500 FM 3136, Alvarado; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County is a designated Purple Heart County and 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. Observing Purple Heart Day helps raise awareness about the impacts of war on veterans and their families, highlighting the importance of providing them with the support and resources they need to lead fulfilling lives after their service.

NOW THEREFORE, the Johnson County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims

AUGUST 7 – 9, 2026 as JOHNSON COUNTY PURPLE HEART MEDAL RECIPIENTS' DAYS OF HONOR

And further urge residents of Johnson County to display purple ribbons and decorations to show honor and gratitude to Purple Heart Veterans, Active-Duty Military, and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this, the 27th day of July, 2026.

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