JOHNSON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT

Johnson County PRESENTED Commissioners Court
8.10.2026

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 §

HONORING MIDLOTHIAN FIREFIGHTER JASON HORNE, THE ALVARADO FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND CAREFLITE FOR LIFESAVING ACTIONS AT LAKE ALVARADO

WHEREAS, on the Fourth of July, while off duty and spending time with his family at Lake Alvarado**, Firefighter Jason Horne of the Midlothian Fire Department** observed individuals urgently signaling for assistance near a capsized boat; and

WHEREAS, after learning that children were trapped beneath the overturned vessel, Horne immediately entered the water and repeatedly dove beneath the boat despite dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, Horne first located and rescued a young boy who was lethargic but conscious, then returned beneath the vessel and recovered a young girl who was unresponsive and not breathing; and

WHEREAS, after bringing the girl to the surface, Horne administered chest compressions, rescue breathing, and back blows until she began breathing on her own; and

WHEREAS, upon learning that a third child remained trapped, Firefighter Horne again entered the water to assist in the search, and, after the child was recovered while entangled in rope, performed CPR and other lifesaving measures as the child was transported toward shore; and

WHEREAS, through Horne's immediate and determined intervention, all three children survived; and

WHEREAS, throughout the emergency, Horne's 12-year-old daughter, **Emilie Horne**, remained aboard their boat, called 911, and provided the information necessary to direct emergency responders to the scene; and

WHEREAS, officers of the **Alvarado Police Department** assisted in safely transferring the children from the vessel to awaiting emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS, members of the **Alvarado Fire Department** responded promptly and professionally, assumed patient care, and continued the lifesaving treatment; and

WHEREAS, the medical professionals of **CareFlite** provided critical advanced care and transportation assistance as part of a coordinated emergency response focused on the survival and recovery of the children; and

WHEREAS, Horne's willingness to place himself in danger while off duty reflects the highest ideals of the fire service and demonstrates that the commitment to protect others extends beyond the hours of a scheduled shift;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT WE, the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, do hereby recognize and commend **Jason Horne** for his extraordinary heroism, selfless courage, and lifesaving actions at Lake Alvarado, recognize **Emilie Horne** for her bravery and vital assistance in summoning emergency responders, and expresses its profound appreciation to the **Alvarado Fire Department**, **CareFlite**, the **Alvarado Police Department**, and all civilians and emergency personnel who assisted in the rescue and care of the children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this, the 10th day of August, 2026.

Christopher Boedeker, Johnson County Judge

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ATTEST: April Long, County Clerk

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