Johnson County
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Commissioners Court
8.24.2026

JOHNSON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT

Christopher Boedeker
County Judge

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Precinct 1

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Precinct 2

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Precinct 3

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Commissioner
Precinct 4

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§ **PROCLAMATION**
COUNTY OF JOHNSON §

JOHNSON COUNTY REMEMBRANCE AND PATRIOT DAY

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, people of all ages and walks of life, across America and around the world, collectively witnessed an event of immense tragedy and the American people endured, with courage and heroism, the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, The events of that day instantly transformed nearly everyone's lives, some through personal loss and many others through an unfamiliar sense of individual and national vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, In response to this tragedy, an unprecedented historic bonding of Americans arose from the collective shock, unifying the country in an outpouring of national spirit, pride, selflessness, courage, and service and Americans across the country came together in a remarkable spirit of patriotism and unity and carried out countless acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, There were 2,977 lives lost in the crashes, fires, and collapse of the World Trade Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and the field in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, approved by Congress and enacted into law April 21, 2009, requested September 11 to be observed and recognized as an annual "National Day of Service and Remembrance"; and

WHEREAS, Participating in service and remembrance activities on September 11th is a positive and respectful way to remember the lives of the 343 firefighters, 60 police officers, and 8 paramedics who died instantly when the Twin Towers collapsed; and

WHEREAS, We honor the service members who, in the years that followed, answered the call to protect the lives of people here and abroad against terrorism; and

WHEREAS, September 11th will never, and should never be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans;

WHEREAS, Twenty-five years have passed and on September 11, 2026, and on the days leading up to and following this day, citizens of Cleburne, Texas have an opportunity to participate in activities that honor 9/11 victims and heroes by joining together in service projects to meet community needs; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Auxiliary, The American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion together with other military service organizations, community organizations, and patriots from all walks of life began observing the anniversary of September 11th as a charitable day of service to honor the memory of those who were lost and those who united in response to the tragedy, including first-responders and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, The City of Cleburne will dedicate Phase I of the Cleburne Honor Monument at Winston Patrick McGregor Park, featuring a World Trade Center steel beam donated to the Cleburne Fire Department, during the community's 25th 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Friday, September 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., to honor the lives lost on 9/11, as well as the first responders, military members and veterans who serve and protect our community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the Commissioners of Johnson County, Texas, do hereby proclaim September 11th a Day of Service and Remembrance in Johnson County and call upon the people of Johnson County to honor the lives and memories of those lost through the flying of the flag of the United States at half-staff, through moments of silence, as well as participation in community service and remembrance ceremonies on this day:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this, the 24th day of August, 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