Johnson County PRESENTED Commissioners Court
9.14.2026

# 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** §
§ **PROCLAMATION**
**COUNTY OF JOHNSON** §

## JOHNSON COUNTY CONSTITUTION WEEK

**WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

**WHEREAS,** September 17, 2026, marks the two hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution; and

**WHEREAS,** The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) petitioned Congress in 1955 to designate September 17 – 23 as Constitution Week, as an annual observance recognizing that it is both fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

**WHEREAS,** President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the resolution into law on August 2, 1956, to encourage the study of historical events framing the Constitution and remind citizens of their responsibility to defend it; and

**WHEREAS,** The American Legion Auxiliary preamble to their constitution begins with the phrase "To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America…" and all branches of our military personnel swear an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic"; and

**WHEREAS,** Cleburne's Nathaniel Winston Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, formed in 1957, members have welcomed C. E. DeLario American Legion Auxiliary Unit 50, chartered in 1926, members to join in Cleburne's celebration of the U.S. Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, in the early days of our nation, bells served as an important means of communication, calling communities together, announcing significant events, and alerting citizens to matters of public importance; and on September 17, 1787, bells rang in Philadelphia to summon the public for the first reading of the newly drafted United States Constitution; and the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), in partnership with the American Legion Auxiliary (A.L.A.), encourages the citizens, businesses, organizations, and institutions of Cleburne to join communities across the nation in Bells Across America by ringing bells at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2026, in commemoration of the anniversary of the drafting and signing of the United States Constitution;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE,** the Commissioners of Johnson County, Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17, 2026 through September 23, 2026

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**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** we urge all residents to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American reaffirming the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties and we further encourage participation in ***BELLS ACROSS AMERICA*** at 3pm on September 17, 2026, by individuals, businesses and organizations in Johnson County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this, the 14th day of September 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**