PRESENTED
9.14.2026

JOHNSON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT

Christopher Boedeker
County Judge

Rick Bailey
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Commissioner
Precinct 4

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

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

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 Johnson County together with the other Veterans Service Organizations in Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, the remains of many Korean, WWII, Vietnam and service members from other wars have been identified and are being returned home to their families and an estimated 15,000 former POWs live among us nationally and World War II MIA are 71,693; 7,359 missing from the Korean War; 1565 are unaccounted for from the Vietnam War and a total of over 4,100 are from Texas and 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, 2026, remains have been returned to Texas families from as far back as World War II, finally giving closure to these Gold Star families that have been wondering for decades; 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 Johnson County that still await knowledge of their loved-one's whereabouts since as long ago as World War I; and

WHEREAS, Cleburne American Legion Post 50, Auxiliary Unit 50 and Sons of The American Legion will host a ceremony at 313 West Chambers the evening of September 18, 2026 for the purpose of remembering and honoring these heroes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the Commissioners of Johnson County, Texas, do hereby proclaim participation of September 18, 2026 in observance of

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

In Johnson County and we do hereby call upon residents of Johnson County to join us 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 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