## JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT



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**JOHNSON COUNTY** 

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PROCLAMATION

STATE OF TEXAS

## 9/11 REMEMBRANCE 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 2977 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 11 is a positive and respectful way to remember the lives of the 343 firefighters, 60 police officers, 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, American Legion Auxiliary, The American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion together with 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 firstresponders and volunteers; and
- WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans; and
- WHEREAS, Fifteen years have passed and on September 11, 2016, and on the days leading up to and following this day, citizens of Johnson County 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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Roger Harmon, County Judge of Johnson County, and we the Commissioners of the four Precincts in Johnson County, Texas, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2016 as

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in Johnson County and I do hereby 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of Johnson County, Texas to be affixed on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016.

Roger Harmon, Johnson County Judge

Rick Bailey, Commissioner Pct. #1

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