

PROCLAMATION

Confederate History and Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Texas is a collection of many cultures and heritages united by a common history, and individual heritages and diverse backgrounds, and

WHEREAS, Panola County, Texas saw many of her sons from each of these cultures and heritages engage in honorable and distinguished military service for Texas and for the Confederate States of America, and

WHEREAS, the flag of the State of Texas was carried by Texas Confederate soldiers in every major battle of the war between the states, and the state contributed over 115,000 soldiers and sailors to the service of the Confederate States of America, and

WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of the war, many of these same citizen soldiers again became citizens who worked tirelessly to reunite and rebuild this country and forge reconciliation, and

WHEREAS, knowledge of the role of the Confederate States of America in the history of our state and nation is vital to understanding who we are and what we are, and

WHEREAS, we honor our past and from it draw the courage, strength and wisdom to reconcile ourselves and go forward into the future together as Texas and Americans, and

WHEREAS, The General Horace Randal Camp #1533 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans are historical, patriotic and non-political organizations dedicated to ensuring that the true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved, honoring locally and statewide those who served Texas and the Confederate States of America, and

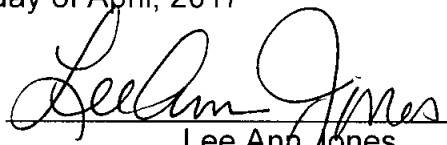
WHEREAS, Confederate Memorial Day, April 26th is an official observance day to honor those who died fighting for the Confederate States of America and the month of April bears significance since it marks both the beginning and the ending of the war between the states, and


NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017

CONFEDERATE HISTORY AND HERITAGE MONTH

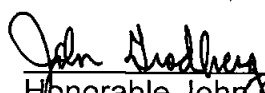
in Panola County, and encourage all citizens to increase their knowledge of the history of Panola County and the State of Texas, and particularly of the role played by Confederate Veterans of all races and ethnic backgrounds in the history of our state and nation

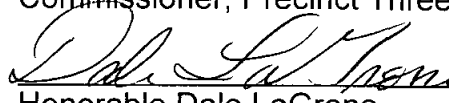
Dated this 10th day of April, 2017


Lee Ann Jones
County Judge

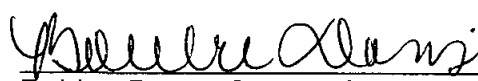

Honorable Ronnie LaGrone
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Commissioner, Precinct Three


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Commissioner, Precinct Two


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Commissioner, Precinct Four

ATTEST


Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

