National 4-H Week Proclamation 2026

WHEREAS, The Panola County Commissioners Court is proud to honor the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for 118 years of providing experience-based education to youngsters throughout the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, this year's National 4-H Week theme, "Beyond Ready," reminds us that 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change and equips young people with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today;

WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, supporting six million youth across the country; and

WHEREAS, 4-H Programs are delivered by the Cooperative Extension System- a community of more than 100 public land-grant colleges and universities across the Nation- that provides experiences for young people to learn by doing;

WHEREAS, 4-H is in every city and county in the United States and helps 6 million youth become engaged, successful and independent; and

WHEREAS, 4-H connects young people and adults to their communities, preparing them for work and life through experiential and inquiry-based learning while providing emerging research for positive youth development; and

WHEREAS, expanding from its strong agricultural roots, 4-H helps young people explore the world around them and grow into productive adults; and

WHEREAS, supporting future leaders in science, agriculture and community leadership is an important imperative for U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture 4-H program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Panola County Commissioners' Court, hereby designate October 4 –10, 2026 as NATIONAL 4-H WEEK in Panola County, Texas and encourage all our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hands on this October 6, 2026.

County Judge

Commissioner Precinct 1

Commissioner Precinct 2

Commissioner Precinct 3

Commissioner Precinct 4

October 6, 2026

Date