

# Proclamation

## Confederate History and Heritage Month

- WHEREAS** April marks the month in which the Confederate States of America was formed and also the month in which it ceased to exist at the end of a four year struggle known as the War Between the States; and
- WHEREAS** The State of Texas seceded and declared itself to be a free and independent nation and subsequently joined the Confederate States of America and from 1861 until 1865 contributed over 115,000 soldiers, sailors and marines to the service of the Confederate States of America; and
- WHEREAS** Texas and Brazos County are a collection of many cultures of diverse backgrounds united by a common history whose sons engaged in honorable and distinguished service for Texas and the Confederate States of America, as well as, the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS** Our recognition of Confederate history acknowledges that slavery was one of the causes of the war, and was ended by the war and is hereby condemned; and
- WHEREAS** That the abomination of slavery divided our nation, deprived people of their God-given inalienable rights, and was a leading cause of the Civil War. Slavery was an evil, vicious and inhumane practice which degraded human beings to property, and it has left a stain on the soul of this state and nation; and
- WHEREAS** Upon the conclusion of the war, many of these same citizen-soldiers worked tirelessly to reunite and rebuild this country and forge reconciliation; and
- WHEREAS** We draw courage, strength and wisdom from our past in hopes of understanding who and what we are as we move forward into the future together; and
- WHEREAS** The Sul Ross Camp # 1457 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Texas Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans are historical, patriotic and non-political organizations dedicated to ensuring that the true history is preserved by seeking to honor their ancestors who fought as citizen-soldiers in the War Between the States ( and who, by four separate Acts of Congress have been recognized to be U. S. Veterans under federal law, and are entitled to the same respect as those Union Soldiers against whom they fought); and
- WHEREAS** Confederate Memorial Day, April 26<sup>th</sup>, has been observed in Brazos County for over 100 years to remember the devoted men and women who fought and died for Texas, and to give thanks for their unselfish sacrifice that future generations might live free and prosper and never repeat the mistake of the past.

**NOW, THEREFORE** we, the Brazos County Commissioners Court do hereby proclaim that April, 2017 is “Confederate History and Heritage Month” in Brazos 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.

**PROCLAIMED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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County Judge

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Commissioner Steve Aldrich  
Precinct 1

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Precinct 2

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Commissioner Nancy Berry  
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