

BRAZOS COUNTY

BRYAN, TEXAS

PROCLAMATION

Confederate History & Heritage Month

WHEREAS: Our country is a nation of people united by a common history, individual heritage and diverse cultures, and Brazos County, Texas, having seen many of her sons in honorable and distinguished military service for Texas and for the Confederate States of America, and being the post-war home to many additional Confederate veterans and US veterans, and having been greatly affected by the events of the war and its aftermath; and

WHEREAS: The State of Texas has long cherished its Confederate history and honored its great military leaders including general officers Hamilton Bee, Matthew Ector, Richard Gano, Hiram B. Granbury, Tom Green, Elkanah Greer, John Gregg, Wm. P. Hardeman, James Harrison, Thomas Harrison, John Bell Hood, Albert Sidney Johnston, Wilburn King, Walter P. Lane, W. P. Mabry, Samuel Bell Maxey, Ben McCulloch, John Moore, Allison Nelson, Horace Randal, Felix Robertson, Jerome Robertson, Lawrence Sullivan "Sul" Ross, Thomas Rosser, William Scurry, William Steele, Alexander Terrell, Richard Waterhouse, Thomas Waul, John Wharton, John Whitfield, Louis Wigfall, and William Young; and

WHEREAS: The men and women of the Confederacy came from all races and religions including: Irish Born Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne, Black Southerner Amos Rucker, Jewish born Judah P. Benjamin, Mexican born Colonel Santos Benavides and Native American Gen. Stand Watie; 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, it is important for all Texans to understand that the institution of slavery was a substantial factor that led to this war and was an evil and inhumane practice that deprived people of their God-given inalienable rights, and all Texans are thankful for its permanent eradication from our borders and the study of this time period should reflect upon and learn from this painful part of our history; and

WHEREAS: The Sul Ross Camp #1457 of Bryan and the Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans are historical, patriotic, and non-political organizations dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved, honoring locally and statewide those who served Texas and the Confederate States of America; and

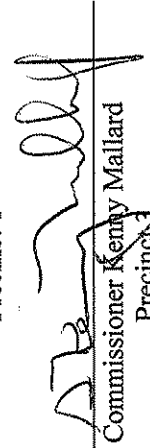
WHEREAS: Confederate Memorial Day, April 26th, has been celebrated in Brazos County for over 100 years and the month of April bears special significance since it marks both the beginning and end of the War Between the States.

NOW, THEREFORE: We, the Brazos County Commissioners Court do hereby proclaim that April 2010 is "Confederate History and Heritage Month" in Brazos County, Texas and encourage all residents to increase their knowledge of the history of 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.

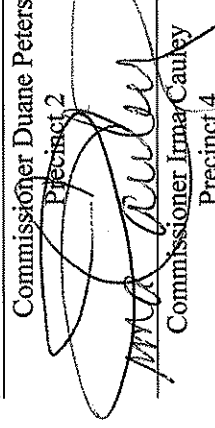
PROCLAIMED THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL, 2010.


Randy Sims
County Judge


Commissioner Lloyd Wassermann
Precinct 1


Commissioner Kenny Mallard
Precinct 3


Commissioner Duane Peters
Precinct 2


Commissioner Irma Cauley
Precinct 4