



PROCLAMATION

**NAMING MARCH 29, 2024 AS SHERIFF LEONARD E. MOREHEAD DAY
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE AND SELFLESS SACRIFICE TO THE CITIZENS
OF BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, Sheriff Leonard E. Morehead served as the Sheriff of Brazos County for six years from 1918 through March 29, 1924; and served the Citizens of Brazos County in many capacities; and

WHEREAS, On March 29, 1924, Sheriff Leonard Morehead was attending a traveling road show being staged at the Steep Hollow School House when a man fired a shotgun through a window, killing him instantly. The suspect was arrested the same evening and confessed to the murder. At his trial, he was found to be mentally insane and sentenced to a mental facility.

WHEREAS, the funeral of Sheriff Morehead was held in the courtroom of the Brazos County Courthouse and it was reported that roughly 4,000 people came to pay their respects to the fallen officer.

WHEREAS, Lila Belle Morehead, was appointed to fulfill her husband's term three days after his murder and went on to serve for nine months. And as of 2024, she remains Brazos County's only female sheriff.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Brazos County do hereby proclaim Friday, March 29, 2024 as Sheriff Leonard E. Morehead Day in Brazos County, Texas.

PROCLAIMED this the 26th day of March 2024.

Duane Peters
County Judge

Commissioner Steve Aldrich
Precinct 1

Commissioner Chuck Konderla
Precinct 2

Commissioner Nancy Berry
Precinct 3

Commissioner Wanda J. Watson
Precinct 4