

Proclamation

Office of the Mayors and County Judge

Whereas,

For generations, stretching back to the formation of our country, courageous patriots have answered duty's call, willing to give their lives for that which we all hold dear. They fought for our Independence, defended our democracy, and sacrificed for our freedom. Many died unknown to preserve and defend an idea unlike any other in human history - the United States of America; and

Whereas,

The Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park has over 20 sites and memorials honoring those who fought in the wars and conflicts dating back to the American Revolution. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier "Never Forget Garden" Veterans Memorial acknowledges those who were lost in all of the conflicts memorialized in Veterans Park, giving the ultimate sacrifice of their life and their identity; and

Whereas,

The Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, lead a nationwide campaign to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The symbolic monument of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has national and historic significance to Americans to reflect and remember our unwavering commitment to the principles that define us as Americans and that provokes the patriotic spirit residing deeply in the hearts of Americans; and

Whereas,

Many individuals and groups have supported this new memorial remembering those who gave their all and died unknown. Americans were encouraged to plant "Never Forget Gardens" as a living tribute to renew our patriotic spirit, mourn the loss of a loved one, and to never, ever, forget or forsake those who have served and sacrificed for America; and

Now Therefore,

We, Bobby Gutierrez, as Mayor of the City of Bryan, Duane Peters, as County Judge of Brazos County, and John P. Nichols, as Mayor of the City of College Station, issue this proclamation for Dedication Day of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier "Never Forget Garden" Veterans Memorial. This Never Forget Garden will help us remember why millions of Americans have fought and died for our liberty and our freedom.

CITY OF BRYAN

BRAZOS COUNTY

**CITY OF
COLLEGE STATION**

Bobby Gutierrez, Mayor

Duane Peters, County Judge

John P. Nichols, Mayor



Proclaimed this 21st day of May 2024