



**A Proclamation by Ellis County Commissioner's Court  
in Observance of a Week of Prayer**

**WHEREAS**, all humankind is called to liberty by God – our Creator and Authority, in whom we place our trust and from whom we derive our purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of liberty, God has instituted worldly authorities among men, as affirmed in our Sacred Text and recognized by our legal traditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Independence – America's first and most honored expression of founding principles – asserted that our rights are "endowed by our Creator;" and

**WHEREAS**, since the founding of our republic, public meetings in the United States have begun their sessions in prayer in order to honor the God whose Providence has guided the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right of all Americans to worship freely without fear of persecution; and

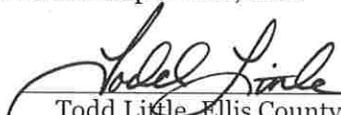
**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the United States has prevented our First Amendment from being construed so as to prohibit the free expression of religion in the public square; and

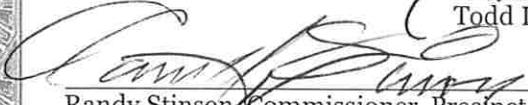
**WHEREAS**, the Week of Prayer is an effort graciously organized by our local residents to join together in prayer and give thanks for the blessings our community has received; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of crisis and despair, our God will hear from Heaven and heal our land if we humble ourselves and pray;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Commissioners' Court of Ellis County, Texas, observe Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 through Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as a Week of Prayer in Ellis County.

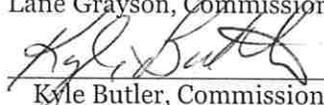
In witness thereof, signed the 28th of September, 2021 –

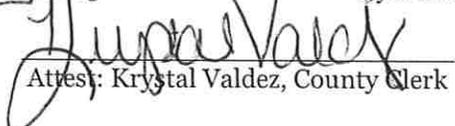
  
Todd Little, Ellis County Judge

  
Randy Stinson, Commissioner, Precinct 1

  
Paul Perry, Commissioner, Precinct 3

Absent  
Lane Grayson, Commissioner, Precinct 2

  
Kyle Butler, Commissioner, Precinct 4

  
Attest: Krystal Valdez, County Clerk