



**A Proclamation by Ellis County Commissioners' Court  
In Observance of Veterans' Day 2021**

**WHEREAS**, while the free people of the world desire for peace to prevail, there exists in every generation a subset of individuals who succumb to the worst parts of our human nature and disparage the rights of others; and

**WHEREAS**, in nations less versed in liberty than our own, these individuals tend to accumulate in positions of power and influence, thus threatening the peace and security of free nations; and

**WHEREAS**, when the enemies of peace and freedom wage war against free people, all brave patriots are called upon to fight for the restoration of liberty and security in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, since the establishment of Ellis County in 1849, our fellow citizens have never ceased to answer that call – citizens like Jack Lummus of Ennis, who sacrificed his life while leading his Marines to victory at Iwo Jima; and Pearl Harbor hero Doris Miller, whose namesake was honored by our local schools after Miller became the first black serviceman to earn the distinguished Navy Cross; and

**WHEREAS**, it is because of patriots like these that our community, state, and nation remain free from oppression, and that all our citizens live at liberty to pursue their dreams without fear; and

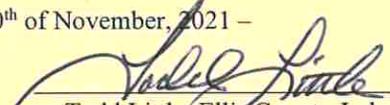
**WHEREAS**, when our veterans return from service, many of them face unfathomable mental, emotional, and physical ailments that lead to isolation, depression, poverty, and suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, our veterans deserve nothing but respect and honor for their personal sacrifices to ensure that our community, nation, and world remain secure, prosperous, and free; and

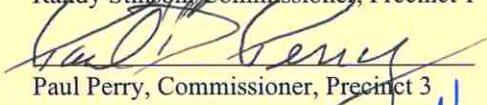
**WHEREAS**, by honoring our veterans, we inspire future generations of Americans to admire courage, persistence, and sacrifice for the cause of liberty – qualities which epitomize the model citizen;

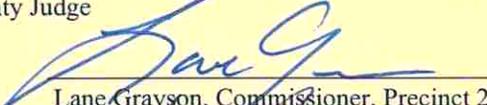
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Commissioners' Court of Ellis County, proclaim November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to be Veterans' Day in Ellis County, Texas.

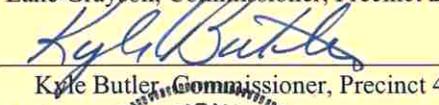
In witness thereof, signed the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2021 –

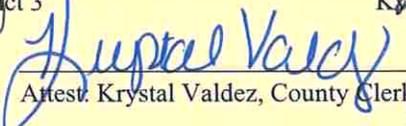
  
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