



A Proclamation by Ellis County Commissioners' Court in Celebration of Independence Day, 2022

WHEREAS, nature and nature's God uniquely created mankind with free will – the right to choose between good and evil, and the right to shape one's own destiny; and

WHEREAS, men may utilize their free will to choose between one of two contravening yearnings intrinsic to human nature: the desire to be safe but ruled over, or the desire to be free and in possession of all the same rights to which nature and nature's God originally entitled them; and

WHEREAS, it is this second yearning for freedom – universally recognized as more noble, yet somehow less common in the human condition – that has animated Western Civilization with a love of liberty since the 16th Century; and

WHEREAS, through the trials and tribulations of the Renaissance, the Reformation, and an Era of Revolution, the Creator of the universe never failed to deliver the advocates of liberty from vanquishment by the combined perils of despotism and indifference; and

WHEREAS, by the 17th Century, the faithful adherents of Providence miraculously established a foothold on a new continent – a New World provided by the grace of God as a refuge for all lovers of liberty, destined to become a new kind of nation among the civilizations of the Earth; and

WHEREAS, over the succeeding two centuries, the New World – America – pioneered a system of government predicated on the Eternal Truth that all men possessed certain inalienable rights and that their government should be instituted among themselves, not over them, in mutual defense of these rights; and

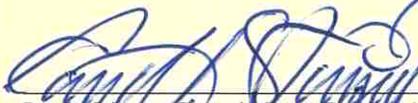
WHEREAS, when the British Crown usurped the sacred rights and self-governance of the American colonists, they became the first nation in history to assert their right to alter or to abolish their form of government and to institute a new government among themselves, as seemed most likely to affect their safety and happiness; and

WHEREAS, on July 4th, 1776, the duly-elected representatives of the American Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence, formally giving birth to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, on the 246th birthday of our great Republic, we call upon all citizens to recommit to the great struggle of history – the quest for freedom – and we humbly ask God for the wisdom, the wherewithal, and the will to live and die for the liberty of our fellow man until every last human being is free;

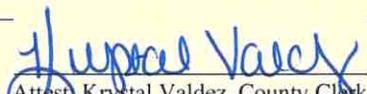
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Commissioners' Court of Ellis County, Texas, proclaim, recognize, and celebrate July 4th, 2022 as Independence Day in Ellis County.

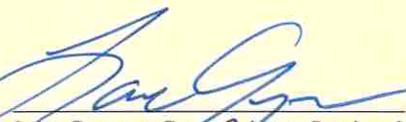
In witness thereof, signed the 28th of June, 2022 –


Randy Stinson, Commissioner, Precinct 1

Absent
Paul Perry, Commissioner, Precinct 3


Todd Little, Ellis County Judge


Attest, Krystal Valdez, County Clerk


Lane Grayson, Commissioner, Precinct 2


Kyle Butler, Commissioner, Precinct 4