



A Proclamation by Ellis County Commissioner's Court Thanking the Vaccine Hub Workforce

WHEREAS, the world in 2020 faced an unprecedented pandemic brought on by the Coronavirus (COVID-19), a new virus with an unknown potential for deadliness; and

WHEREAS, owing to the potentially crippling effects of the pandemic on the lives and welfare of the Texas population, Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, through President Trump's initiation of Operation Warp Speed, a series of COVID-19 vaccines were rapidly developed in preparation for distribution to the states; and

WHEREAS, to set up a centrally-located vaccine distribution hub at the Waxahachie Senior Center, Ellis County launched its Vaccine Initiative on January 25th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships with Baylor Scott & White, the City of Waxahachie, and other local jurisdictions, Ellis County's Vaccine Hub began operations on February 2nd, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ellis County's citizens answered the call to operate the Vaccine Hub, in both professional and volunteer capacities, as neighbors helping neighbors; and

WHEREAS, volunteers devoted a combined total of over 10,000 hours at the Vaccine Hub, thus saving Ellis County over \$130,000 in potential costs for federal or state emergency personnel; and

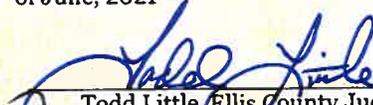
WHEREAS, through the devotion to duty of healthcare workers and volunteers, the Vaccine Hub administered over 80,000 vaccines, contributing to vaccination for over 19,000 residents aged 65+; and

WHEREAS, through the remarkable efficiency of the Vaccine Hub, Ellis County's new confirmed COVID-19 cases have decreased exponentially from a peak of 774 on January 5th to under 50 a day consistently since mid-March, thus saving lives; and

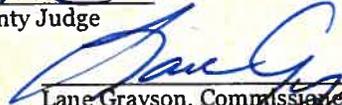
WHEREAS, the selfless individuals helping with the Vaccine Initiative effectively curtailed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Ellis County's healthcare resources and vulnerable populations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Ellis County Commissioner's Court extends its eternal gratitude to all individuals who made the success of the Vaccine Hub possible.

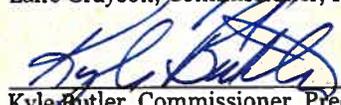
In witness thereof, signed the 1st of June, 2021 -

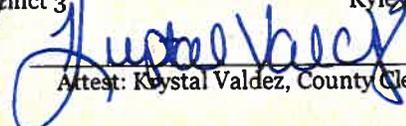

 Todd Little, Ellis County Judge


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 Kyle Butler, Commissioner, Precinct 4


 Attest: Krystal Valdez, County Clerk

