



## Proclamation

### World War I Remembrance Day

- WHEREAS** April 6, 2017 marks the centennial of America's declaration of war against Imperial Germany and America's entry into the First World War; and
- WHEREAS** men and women from Brazos County have served with distinction in the Armed Forces for the Great War and the wars to follow, and they continue to serve in defense of our freedoms in the Wars against Terrorism; and
- WHEREAS** Brazos County is home to countless veterans of all Military Services, and is the final resting place of over 800 men and women who served our nation honorably during the First World War, including over 30 who died during the conflict; and
- WHEREAS** Brazos County is also the home of Texas A&M University who had more than 2,300 of its students, staff and faculty serving in the war, including 59 students who paid the ultimate sacrifice, and those, injured in the war, who received an education through the Federal Board of Vocational Education after the conflict; and
- WHEREAS** the campus of Texas A&M University, located in Brazos County, served as a training camp for over 4,000 U.S. Army personnel who received instruction in radio and auto mechanics, as machinists, blacksmiths and farriers, and hosted the Signal Corps School of Meteorology, the only one of its kind among allied nations during the war; and
- WHEREAS** the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, headquartered in Brazos County played a significant role in the war efforts around the state in food production, cotton marketing, food preservation, working with state and federal Councils of Defense, Red Cross, Liberty Bond Drives and War Savings Stamps; and
- WHEREAS** the citizens of Brazos County answered the call of service to their country during the Great War as soldiers, sailors, marines, civilian contractors, nurses, educators, and in other capacities, making this a shared experience both on the front lines in Europe, in the Caribbean, on the oceans, or in the small towns, rural fields or military camps across the United States; and
- WHEREAS** the United States Congress has officially created the World War One Centennial Commission to educate, commemorate, and honor this event in our history, and the State of Texas has created the Texas World War I Centennial Commemoration to do the same; and
- WHEREAS** more than four million American families sent their sons and daughters to serve in uniform during the Great War, with 116,516 U.S. soldiers giving their lives in combat and another 200,000 were wounded.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Brazos County Commissioners Court does hereby encourage all citizens to remember and commemorate America's entry into the Great War and the great sacrifices that awaited its citizens 100 years ago, and do hereby proclaim April 6, 2017 as

*World War I Remembrance Day*  
in Brazos County.

**PROCLAIMED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

Duane Peters  
County Judge

Commissioner Steve Aldrich  
Precinct 1

Commissioner Sammy Catalena  
Precinct 2

Commissioner Nancy Berry  
Precinct 3

Commissioner Irma Cauley  
Precinct 4