



## **Howard County Commissioners Court Howard County, Texas**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the County of Howard, Texas have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by George Washington in 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the Howard County, Texas, who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, February 22, 2021 has officially been designated as the day in Howard County, Texas to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathryn Wiseman County Judge of Howard County, join with the Howard County Commissioners, to hereby proclaim Howard County, Texas

### **A PURPLE HEART COUNTY**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands to this Proclamation  
22nd day of February 2021.

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**KATHRYN WISEMAN  
HOWARD COUNTY JUDGE**

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**EDDILISA RAY  
COMMISSIONER PCT 1**

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**CRAIG BAILEY  
COMMISSIONER PCT 2**

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**JIMMIE LONG  
COMMISSIONER PCT 3**

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**JOHN CLINE  
COMMISSIONER PCT 4**