



Atascosa County Commissioner's Court

WHEREAS, Sheriff David Soward has dedicated 48 years of exemplary service to Atascosa County, making him the longest-employed county employee with continuous service in the same department throughout those years; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Soward's career began on January 1, 1977, and through his commitment and leadership, he has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, the law enforcement community, and the citizens of Atascosa County, and the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Since being elected as Sheriff of Atascosa County in 2013, Sheriff Soward has served with committed dedication, ensuring the safety and well-being of the county's residents while maintaining trust and collaboration within the community and law enforcement agencies across the County and State; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Sheriff Soward has exemplified the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and service to others, leaving a lasting impact on the county and its future; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Soward's legacy of leadership and dedication to public service has significantly contributed to making Atascosa County a safer and stronger place to live;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Weldon P. Cude Atascosa County Judge and members of the Atascosa County Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim December 30, 2024, as:

"Sheriff David Soward Day"

In recognition of his 48 years of service to Atascosa County, his leadership as Sheriff, and his lifelong commitment to public safety and service. We extend our deepest gratitude to Sheriff David Soward for his years of service and dedication to the people of Atascosa County. His legacy will forever be an inspiration to all who follow in his footsteps.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

We, the undersigned, have set our hands and caused the seal of Atascosa County to be affixed this 30th day of December, 2024.

Weldon P. Cude
County Judge

Mark Gillespie
Commissioner PCT. 1

Mark Bowen
Commissioner PCT. 2

Eliseo Perez
Commissioner PCT. 3

Kennard Riley
Commissioner PCT. 4