

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, James Wayne Porter was born a Native Texan on January 19, 1934, in Rotan, Fisher County, Texas, where he later attended Rotan Public Schools from 1939-1950 and Texas Tech where he was ROTC and received his Bachelor of Science, Agriculture in 1954, and

WHEREAS, James Wayne Porter during his last year of college was Commissioned Second Lieutenant, United States Air Force and later courageously served his country flying 100 missions over North Vietnam plus 23 over Laos during the Vietnam War spending 25 years as a pilot in the United States Air Force accumulating approximately 4400 hours of flying time of which 198 hours was combat time, and

WHEREAS, James Wayne Porter's service in the United States Air Force included Basic and Advanced Navigator Training; Various Aircrew positions, Operations Inspector, Air Training Command Office of the Inspector General, Reconnaissance Staff Officer, Directorate of Operations - Headquarters United Air Forces in Europe, Chief of Operations and Training – Zaragoza Air Base, Spain, and

WHEREAS, James Wayne Porter retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, July 1980, having received 3 Distinguished Flying Cross Metals, 11 Air Metals, 4 Meritorious Metals as well as multiple metals from the Thai Government and the Southeast Asia Government, and

WHEREAS, upon retiring from the United States Airforce James Wayne Porter attended Baylor University School of Law received his Juris Doctor in 1983, becoming licensed as Attorney by the Supreme Court of Texas, May 1983, and

WHEREAS, James Wayne Porter served the public as an Attorney practicing family law, criminal law litigation and general law in the Office of Stephan L. Sheets, Round Rock, Texas, then as a Sole Practitioner, Law Office of Wayne Porter, Georgetown, Texas 1983 - 1992, and

WHEREAS, James Wayne Porter was sworn in as Assistant County Attorney by Williamson County Attorney, Eugene D. Taylor on January 1, 1993 and continued to serve as First Assistant County Attorney through January 31, 2006, and

WHEREAS, James Wayne Porter continued his service to the citizens of Texas being sworn in as a Williamson County Associate Judge on September 8, 2008 and has continued to serve the Citizens of Williamson County in that position until his retirement on January 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, James Wayne Porter has dedicated his life to service to his country and to the citizens of Williamson County, utilizing his outstanding legal skill to faithfully serve the citizens of Williamson County for more than 23 years, from January 1, 1993 – January 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, James Wayne Porter has demonstrated that he is an outstanding, effective and insightful leader through a career marked by numerous successes at the administrative, management, legal advocate, prosecution and judicial levels and who is known and respected for his exemplary character, outstanding citizenship, dedication to family and community, and

WHEREAS, James Wayne Porter throughout his career as First Assistant County Attorney and Judge has mentored, guided and inspired countless young professionals who are now serving the citizens of Texas as Judges, Elected Officials, Defense Attorneys, Assistant Attorney Generals, Prosecutors, FBI agent, Ice agent and in many other capacities too numerous to name,

NOW THEREFORE, Judge Bill Gravell, and the Commissioners' of Williamson County, Texas extend their deepest appreciation to James Wayne Porter, and are honored to **SPECIALLY RECOGNIZE, The Honorable James Wayne Porter** for his 65 combined years of service, dedication, loyalty and friendship to the United States of America, the great State of Texas and to the citizens of Williamson County, Texas.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2019,

County Judge, Bill Gravell

Commissioner Pct. #1

Commissioner Pct. #2

Commissioner Pct. #3

Commissioner Pct. #4