

WHEREAS, Memorial Day each year serves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and

WHEREAS, this day has traditionally been devoted to paying homage to loved ones who lie in hallowed graves throughout the world, having sacrificed their lives to preserve and protect freedom from tyranny; and

WHEREAS, in tribute to these silent dead it is fitting that we lift our voices together in supplication to Almighty God to remember and honor their sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Congress, in a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950, provided that Memorial Day should be set aside as a day for honoring and mourning all those U.S. Military personnel who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, let us remember the servicemen and women we have lost and let us honor them by rededicating ourselves to strengthening our Nation's promise. With love, grace, and reflection, let us honor our fallen fellow Americans, known and unknown, who sacrificed their freedom to ensure our own.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gravell, Judge for Williamson County, Texas do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024, as a day not only to remember and mourn those who we have lost, but to honor their memory by a County-wide prayer for permanent peace throughout the world.

In commemoration of this event, I urge all Williamson County citizens to join together in their homes, places of work, and places of worship to pray for those who continue to sacrifice their lives in pursuit of a permanent world peace for the people of our cities, our county, our state, and our nation.

PROCLAIMED this 27th day of May 2024.

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Bill Gravell, Judge, Williamson County, Texas