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COUNTY OF Colorado §

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Colorado County, Texas, held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, the following Proclamation was made:

- WHEREAS, Democracy's most precious inalienable right is the right to vote, strongly forged and established by the First, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-Third, Twenty-Fourth, and Twenty-Sixth Amendments to the United States Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, the right to vote of every citizen protects and advances all other rights established in our great Constitution; and
- whereas, it is the fundamental responsibility of every citizen to know of, contribute to, and participate in the electoral process by exercising his or her constitutional right to vote; and
- whereas, Citizens cannot vote unless we strengthen our democracy, by inspiring greater civic engagement and volunteerism, and help ensure free and fair elections.
- whereas, poll workers are the face of the election office during voting. Workers are tasked with setting up and preparing the polling location, welcoming voters, verifying voter registrations, and issuing ballots.
- whereas, with the need for reliable and trusted public information and education, poll workers also help ensure voters understand the voting process by demonstrating how to use voting equipment and explaining voting procedures.
- whereas, efforts must be taken to increase voter education and participation; it is critical to Americans to actively participate in running elections and the integrity of electoral processes; poll workers are critical to the success of an election. Having an adequate number of poll workers to staff polling places on and before

Election Day can ensure voters receive the assistance they need at the polls and can help provide a positive and smooth voting experience for all.

whereas, Colorado County recognizes the essential role that poll workers play in the electoral process and acknowledges these retired (between the years of 2019-2023) citizens who had dedicated many years to serve the citizens of

this county:

Robyn Adams
Maybelle Barnett
Tamalyn Neuendorff
Dorothy Fitzgerld
Cheryl Leyendecker
Peggy Lund
Urissa Green
Loretta Runk
Barbara Hoffman
Rose Marie Thumann
Grady Lambert

Mary Saucedo
Anna Mae Wiese
Kim Vincent
Laura Kulhanek
Mae Dene Zajicek
Janice Macbride
Tammy Johnson
Christina Williams
Robert Raborn
Bob Berger
Glenda Lambert

Becky Anderson Doreen Vail Marian Frank Gloria Ilse Joann Johnson Joan Beishir Valerie King Emily Frank Dan Dillard George Llanes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Commissioners Court of Colorado County, Texas hereby proclaims July as Colorado County Poll Worker Recruitment Month and encourages all citizens to appreciate their right to vote by exercising their ability to promote participation in the electoral process to their friends, families and neighbors in local, state and national elections.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this 24th day of July, 2023.

County Commissioners

Doug Wessels, Precinct No. I

Keith Neuendorff, Precinct No. 3

Ryan Brandt, Precinct No. 2

Darrell Gertson, Precinct No. 4

Stubale Mente

Kimberly Menke, County Clerk