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**RESOLUTION
OF THE POLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

Designating Jury Appreciation Day in Polk County, Texas

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has designated the first week of May to be Jury Appreciation Week in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the right to a trial by jury is one of the core values of American citizenship with the obligation and privilege to serve as a juror recognized as being as fundamental to our democracy as the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, our courts depend upon citizens to serve as jurors and all citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury service; and

WHEREAS, Polk County wished to ensure that jury selection and jury service are fair, effective, and not unduly burdensome on anyone; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant actions our judicial system can take is to show appreciation for the citizens who give their time and talents to serve on Polk County juries; and

WHEREAS, Polk County and its courts are committed to educating the public the importance of jury service; applauding the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty; ensuring that the responsibility of jury service is shared fairly; supporting county employees who are called upon to serve as jurors; ensuring that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome; providing jurors with tools that will assist their decision making; and continuing to improve the jury system by encouraging productive dialogue between jurors and court officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the day of May 7, 2018 be designated "Jury Appreciation Day" in Polk County, Texas to recognize the important contribution of citizens who serve.

Adopted on this 10th day of April, 2018.

Sydney Murphy
County Judge
Polk County, Texas

Attest:

Schelana Hock, County Clerk

(Seal)

