



# CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS PROCLAMATION

## COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day

**WHEREAS**, the first Monday in March has been designated as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person and has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic that is having catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save lives, sacrificing their own health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities and communities of color, exacerbating inequities already prevalent in our systems that we must address as a nation; and

**WHEREAS**, public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing, wearing masks in public, and staying home, help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness, and lessen the burden on individuals and society; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically by individual, and the long-term health implications for survivors is largely unknown, as many survivors suffer with lingering side-effects of the disease long after they no longer test positive; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2.33 million people worldwide and 465,000 in the United States have lost their lives due to COVID-19, and, in Blanco County alone, 8 individuals have been lost to this deadly virus; and

**WHEREAS**, each life lost to COVID-19 matters and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members, and the surrounding community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, RHONDA STELL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS, HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 1, 2021 AS:

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in the City of Johnson City, Texas, and I urge all citizens to remember those who have lost their lives and honor those who are forever marked by COVID-19 and those who continue to suffer from the impact of this virus.



ATTEST:

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Rhonda Stell, Mayor  
City of Johnson City, Texas

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the City of Johnson City, Texas to be affixed.**

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Rick A. Schroder, CAO/City Secretary