

**ORDER OF THE ROCKWALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COURT PARTICIPATING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL VETERANS COURT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the fourteenth straight year of America at war and there are now more than 23 million U.S. veterans including 2 million veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our military shoulder the burden of safeguarding our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the United States military instills a sense of honor, duty, leadership, commitment and respect, evident in the millions of veterans who have returned home to their communities as productive citizens, strengthened by their military experience; and

WHEREAS, one in five veterans has symptoms of a mental disorder or cognitive impairment, one in six veterans from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom suffers from a substance abuse issue, and research continues to draw a link between substance abuse and combat-related mental illness; and

WHEREAS, unprecedented numbers of veterans nationwide are appearing in the courts to face charges stemming directly from these issues; and

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions do not currently track veterans in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts evolved out of the necessity for a solution-based approach to an influx of drug abusing offenders before the courts; and the Drug Court model and the Mental Health Court Model as Specialty Courts are the nation's most successful, cost effective, and scientifically validated tool to deal with substance abuse and mental health issues in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Treatment Courts are hybrid Drug Courts and Mental Health Courts and have evolved out of the growing need for a Specialty treatment court model designed specifically for justice-involved veterans to maximize efficiency and economize resources while making use of the distinct military culture consistent among veterans; and

WHEREAS, many veterans have access to exclusive economic benefits and health services through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, State Departments of Veterans Affairs, County Departments of Veterans Affairs, and a variety of additional programs for veterans operated through Veterans Service Organizations at federal, state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, grouping justice-involved veterans into a specific court docket significantly expedites access to veteran-specific resources, including benefits and treatment, earned through military service; and

WHEREAS, veterans deeply value their military experience and share an inimitable bond among their peers; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Treatment Courts build upon this camaraderie by allowing participants to go through the treatment court process with people who are similarly situated and have common past experiences; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Treatment Courts have captured national attention as a critical tool for ensuring veterans in the criminal justice system do not fall through the cracks; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has created statutes that allow for the creation of Regional Veterans Courts in Texas; and

WHEREAS, regional efforts often help make efficient use of limited governmental resources and can lead to opportunities for additional grant funds from other resources; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Brett Hall of the 382nd Judicial District Court, the Honorable David Rakow of the 439th Judicial District Court, the Honorable Brian Williams of the Rockwall County Court-At-Law, and Kenda Culpepper, the Criminal District Attorney of Rockwall County understand the benefits and need for a Veterans Court in Rockwall County and the benefits of regional cooperation to make the most efficient use of governmental resources; and

WHEREAS, Rockwall County has the opportunity to participate in the North Texas Regional Veterans Court with surrounding counties and become part of one of the first regional veterans courts of its kind in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Rockwall County Commissioners Court has considered the matter and deems it appropriate to enact an Order approving the County's participation in the establishment of the North Texas Regional Veterans Program.

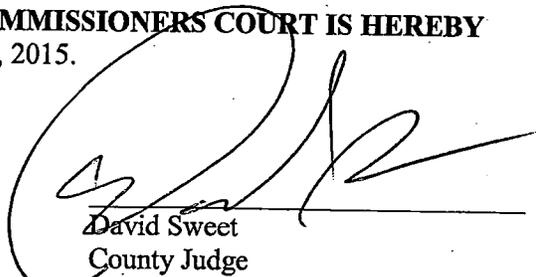
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS:

Section 1. THAT the matters and facts recited in the preamble hereof are hereby found and determined to be true and correct;

Section 2. THAT the County is considered to have established a Veterans Treatment Court and is entitled to retain fees under Article 102.0178 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure pursuant to Chapter 124 of the Texas Government Code.

Section 3. All Orders or parts of the Orders of Rockwall County, Texas not consistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDER OF THE ROCKWALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT IS HEREBY ADOPTED this the 23 day of JUNE, 2015.


David Sweet
County Judge

Attest:



County Clerk



**RESOLUTION OF THE GRAYSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COURT APPROVING PARTICIPATING IN THE
NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL VETERANS COURT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the fourteenth straight year of America at war and there are now more than 23 million U.S. veterans including 2 million veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our military shoulder the burden of safeguarding our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the United States military instills a sense of honor, duty, leadership, commitment and respect, evident in the millions of veterans who have returned home to their communities as productive citizens, strengthened by their military experience; and

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WHEREAS, unprecedented numbers of veterans nationwide are appearing in the courts to face charges stemming directly from these issues; and

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WHEREAS, Drug Courts evolved out of the necessity for a solution-based approach to an influx of drug abusing offenders before the courts; and the Drug Court model and the Mental Health Court Model as Specialty Courts are the nation's most successful, cost effective, and scientifically validated tool to deal with substance abuse and mental health issues in the criminal justice system; and

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WHEREAS, Veterans Treatment Courts have captured national attention as a critical tool for ensuring veterans in the criminal justice system do not fall through the cracks; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has created statutes that allow for the creation of Regional Veterans Courts in Texas; and

WHEREAS, regional efforts often help make efficient use of limited governmental resources and can lead to opportunities for additional grant funds from other resources; and

WHEREAS, Collin and Rockwall Counties have created the North Texas Regional Veterans Court in an effort to reach out to more justice-involved veterans in the North Texas area; and

WHEREAS, the North Texas Regional Veterans Court has helped and continues to help justice-involved veterans; and

WHEREAS, Grayson County has the opportunity to participate in the North Texas Regional Veterans Court with surrounding counties and become part of one of the first regional veterans court in Texas and one of the few regional veterans courts in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Grayson County Commissioners Court has considered the matter and deems it appropriate to enact an Order approving the County's participation in the establishment of the North Texas Regional Veterans Program.

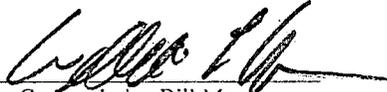
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS:

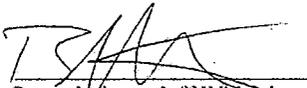
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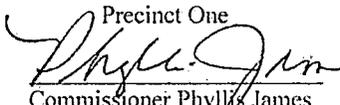
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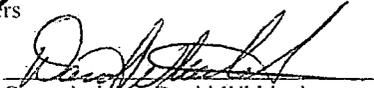
Section 3. All Orders or parts of the Orders of Grayson County, Texas not consistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed.

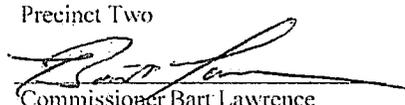
Adopted this the 2nd day of February, 2016 at a regular meeting of the Commissioner's Court.

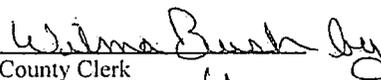

County Judge Bill Magers


Commissioner Jeff Whitmire
Precinct One


Commissioner Phyllis James
Precinct Three


Commissioner David Whitlock
Precinct Two


Commissioner Bart Lawrence
Precinct Four

Attest: 
County Clerk

Deputy



**ORDER OF THE KAUFMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
PARTICIPATING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL VETERANS COURT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the fourteenth straight year of America at war and there are now more than 23 million U.S. veterans including 2 million veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our military shoulder the burden of safeguarding our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the United States military instills a sense of honor, duty, leadership, commitment and respect, evident in the millions of veterans who have returned home to their communities as productive citizens, strengthened by their military experience; and

WHEREAS, one in five veterans has symptoms of a mental disorder of cognitive impairment, one in six veterans from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom suffers from a substance abuse issue, and research continues to draw a link between substance abuse and combat-related mental illness; and

WHEREAS, unprecedented numbers of veterans nationwide are appearing in the courts to face charges stemming directly from these issues; and

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions do not currently track veterans in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Drug Courts evolved out of the necessity for a solution-based approach to an influx of drug abusing offenders before the courts; and the Drug Court model and the Mental Health Court Model as Specialty Courts are the nation's most successful, cost effective, and scientifically validated tool to deal with substance abuse and mental health issues in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Treatment Courts are hybrid Drug Courts and Mental Health Courts and have evolved out of the growing need for a Specialty treatment court model designed specifically for justice-involved veterans to maximize efficiency and economize resources while making use of the distinct military culture consistent among veterans; and

WHEREAS, many veterans have access to exclusive economic benefits and health services through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, State Departments of Veterans Affairs, County Departments of Veterans Affairs, and a variety of additional programs for veterans operated through Veterans Service Organizations at federal, state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, grouping justice-involved veterans into a specific court docket significantly expedites access to veteran-specific resources, including benefits and treatment, earned through military service; and

WHEREAS, veterans deeply value their military experience and share an inimitable bond among their peers; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Treatment Courts build upon this camaraderie by allowing participants to go through the treatment court process with people who are similarly situated and have common past experiences; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Treatment Courts have captured national attention as a critical tool for ensuring veterans in the criminal justice system do not fall through the cracks; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has created statutes that allow for the creation of Regional Veterans Courts in Texas; and

WHEREAS, regional efforts often help make efficient use of limited governmental resources and can lead to opportunities for additional grant funds from other resources; and

WHEREAS, Judge Chitty of the 422nd District Court, Judge Blair of the 86th District Court, Judge Jones of the County Court at Law, Judge Rich of County Court at Law 2, and District Attorney Erieigh Norville Wiley of Kaufman County understand the benefits and need for a Veterans Court in Kaufman County and the benefits of regional cooperation to make the most efficient use of governmental resources; and

WHEREAS, Kaufman County has the opportunity to participate in the North Texas Regional Veterans Court with surrounding counties and become part of one of the first regional veterans courts of its kind in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Kaufman County Commissioners Court has considered the matter and deems it appropriate to enact an Order approving the County's participation in the establishment of the North Texas Regional Veterans Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS:

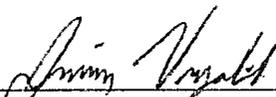
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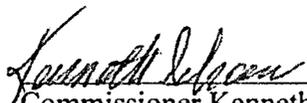
Section 3. All Orders or parts of the Orders of Kaufman County, Texas not consistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed.

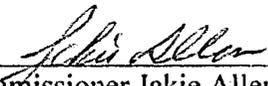
THIS ORDER OF THE KAUFMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT IS HEREBY ADOPTED THIS THE 28 day of MARCH, 2016.

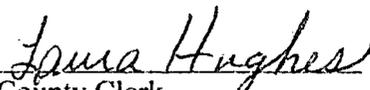

County Judge Bruce Wood


Commissioner Jimmy Vrzalik
Precinct One


Commissioner Skeet Phillip
Precinct Two


Commissioner Kenneth Schoer
Precinct Three


Commissioner Jakie Allen
Precinct Four

Attest: 
County Clerk

Laura Hughes
County Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE FANNIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COURT APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE
NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL VETERANS COURT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the fifteenth straight year of America at war and there are now more than 23 million U.S. veterans including 2 million veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our military shoulder the burden of safeguarding our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the United States military instills a sense of honor, duty, leadership, commitment and respect evident in the millions of veterans who have returned home to their communities as productive citizens, strengthened by their military service; and

WHEREAS, today one in five veterans has symptoms of mental disorder or cognitive impairment, one in six veterans from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom suffers from a substance abuse issue, and research continues to draw a link between substance abuse and combat-related mental illness; and

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WHEREAS, regional efforts often help make efficient use of limited governmental resources and can lead to opportunities for additional grant funds from other resources; and

WHEREAS, Collin, Rockwall and Grayson Counties have created the North Texas Regional Veterans Court in an effort to reach out to more justice involved veterans in the North Texas area; and

WHEREAS, Fannin County, with its significant population of veterans, and its significant number of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, has the opportunity to participate in the North Texas Regional Veterans Court with surrounding counties and become part of one of the first regional veterans courts in Texas, and one of the few regional veterans courts in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fannin County Commissioners Court has considered the matter and deems it appropriate to enact an Order approving the County's participation in the establishment of the North Texas Regional Veterans Program.

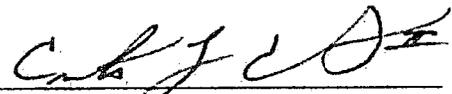
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS:

Section 1. THAT the matters and facts recited in the preamble hereof are hereby found and determined to true and correct;

Section 2. THAT the County is considered to have established a Veterans Treatment Court and is entitled to retain fees under Article 102.0178 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure pursuant to Chapter 124 of the Texas Government Code.

Section 3. ALL orders of Fannin County, Texas not consistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed.

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2016 at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court.


County Judge Creta L. Carter II

Gary Whitlock

Commissioner Gary Whitlock
Precinct 1

Stan Barker

Commissioner Stanley Barker
Precinct 2

Jerry Magness

Commissioner Jerry Magness
Precinct 3

Dean Lackey

Commissioner Dean Lackey
Precinct 4

Attest:

Tammy Bigger

Tammy Bigger, County Clerk

