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Collin County Courthouse
McKinney, Texas 75071

To: County Judge and Commissioners Court
From: Judge John R. Roach, Jr.
Subject: Approval of designation of Judge Jay Bender over the Collin County
Misdemeanor Veterans Treatment Court
Date: October 20, 2025

This memorandum serves as a formal request for the designation of Judge Jay Bender to preside over the established Collin County Misdemeanor Veterans Treatment Court. The court will operate under the mentorship and guidance of the existing North Texas Veterans Treatment Court structure to ensure consistency in procedures, supervision, and rehabilitative outcomes.

In 2025, the Veterans Treatment Court experienced a rise in participation, averaging 68 active participants per month, representing nearly a 50% increase compared to 2023. This sustained growth demonstrates a clear and ongoing need for expanded judicial capacity to ensure timely hearings, individualized supervision, and continued access to veteran-specific rehabilitative services.

The designation of Judge Bender will allow Collin County to effectively manage its growing caseload of misdemeanor-level veteran cases, ensuring that eligible veterans receive structured treatment and accountability within a court model dedicated to rehabilitation, public safety, and long-term recovery.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Roach, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Judge John R. Roach, Jr.