

COUNTY OF JACK

STATE OF TEXAS

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING March 21, 2023

A Year of Resilience

A Day of Observation, Reflection, and Celebration

WHEREAS, the County of Jack and The City of Jacksboro on the 21st of March, 2022 (and the days following), suffered severe damage and injury personally and as a community. The result of the tornado caused us to face tremendous physical and economic loss. More than 287 homes and/or businesses sustained damage and 70 families required temporary housing or individual assistance. 25 businesses sustained significant uninsured losses. These business losses have created a severe impact on jobs, production, and revenue;

WHEREAS, public utilities have been impacted to the extent that 600 homes/businesses have been left without electricity, telephone, and internet connection. The Faith Community Hospital operated on a backup generator power only supplying power to the Emergency Room and limited patient rooms. Two school campuses sustained substantial damage within the Jacksboro Independent School District. The tornado hit the Jacksboro Elementary School during afternoon release with parents seeking shelter within the school building. Teachers and staff members' cars were overturned in the parking lot. The Gyms of both campuses took a direct hit from the path of the storm. The damage to the JISD facilities exceeds \$18,000,000.00;

WHEREAS, The Citizens of Jack County and The City of Jacksboro are healing emotionally and physically, overcoming tremendous adversity, strengthening community relationships, and having a greater appreciation for life and spiritual growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is **PROCLAIMED** that March 21st, 2023 be a day of Observation, Reflection, and Celebration - **A YEAR OF RESILIENCE** in Jack County and The City of Jacksboro, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof;

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 21st day of March 2023.

Brian "Keith" Umphress, County Judge
Jack County, Texas

