



# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS,** The Tira Volunteer Fire Department began in 1975 with Mayor Tom Clifton as the first fire chief and firefighter; and

**WHEREAS,** Other members to join Fire Chief Clifton were firemen Herm Weir, Coy Vicars and Ernest Shaw; and

**WHEREAS,** The first known fire apparatus with the department was a 6-wheel white Army truck, issued by the Texas Forestry Service which also furnished the tank and pump; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1980, the Army truck was replaced by a 1979 Dodge 1-ton truck which was housed in the utility bay of the Tira Community Center and later remodeled to serve as a grass truck that is still being used today; and

**WHEREAS,** Chief Richard Bearden purchased a 2002 Dodge 4-wheel drive; and

**WHEREAS,** The members recognized a need for a Rough Terrain Vehicle (RTV) which was purchased while Malcom Joslin was Chief. John Martin equipped the apparatus for fighting small fires; and

**WHEREAS,** Growth demanded addition to the station which was enlarged to a 3-bay facility while restoration of the first county attack truck, a 1985 GMC model donated by Sulphur Bluff Volunteer Fire Department was completed, put back into service and continues to meet the needs of the community today; and


**WHEREAS,** In 2015, the Tira City Council named John Martin fire chief; and

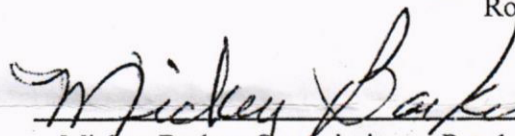
**WHEREAS,** In July 2018, the department purchased a 1986 Pierce Arrow Engine; and

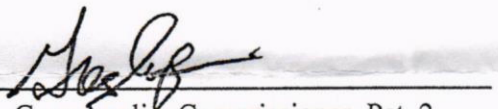
**WHEREAS,** Today, the Tira Volunteer Fire Department has ten members supporting four fire apparatus continuing to serve and protect the Tira community and Hopkins County – Chief John Martin, Assistant Chief Shawn Martin, Captain Tony Macy with Firefighters Curtis Rivera-Fulgham, Mike Ruth, David Ruth, Robert Hanson, Jonathan Savage, Cooper Adams and Alan Joslin; and

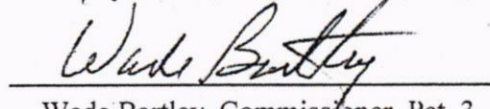
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Hopkins County Commissioners Court urges all citizens to applaud the outstanding efforts of the Tira Volunteer Fire Department, to recognize the dedication in their perseverance to provide protection for each citizen and their property and, offer heartfelt appreciation for the servanthood of each one.

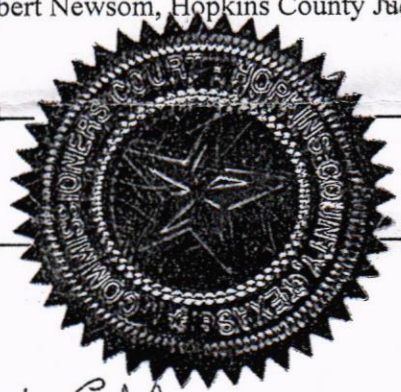
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Hopkins County Commissioners Court at the regularly scheduled meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

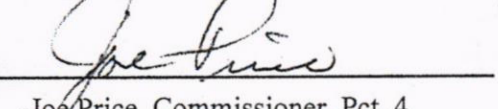
  
Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

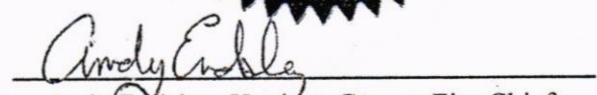
  
Mickey Barker, Commissioner, Pct. 1

  
Greg Anglin, Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
Wade Bartley, Commissioner, Pct. 3



  
Joe Price, Commissioner, Pct. 4

  
Andy Endsley, Hopkins County Fire Chief