

# Proclamation

*Whereas*, the Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in combat awarded across all branches of the United States military; and

*Whereas*, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation from Congress creating the Medal of Honor in 1861 with the first medal being awarded in 1863; and

*Whereas*, approximately thirty-five hundred individuals, eighty-six of whom are laid to rest in the great state of Texas, have received this highest honor; and

*Whereas*, our country has celebrated National Medal of Honor Day on March 25 since the holiday was first created by Congress in 1990 and signed into law by President George HW Bush; and

*Whereas*, Texans are deeply patriotic and have a strong history of supporting the men and women of the Armed Forces; and

*Whereas*, The National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation has selected Texas as the official home for the National Medal of Honor Museum; and

*Now therefore*, I, Curtistene S. McCowan, by the power vested in me by the State of Texas, Dallas County and Mayor of the City of DeSoto, Texas, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2020, as:

## MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

and at 3:35pm, declare a **Moment to Honor** in DeSoto, and do hereby urge all citizens to remember those past and honor those living recipients of the Medal of Honor.

*In Official Recognition Whereof*, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of DeSoto, Texas to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



  
Curtistene S. McCowan, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Kisha R. Morris-Perkins, City Secretary