



## CITY OF HEATH, TEXAS

# 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 H.W. 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, therefore Kelson Elam, Mayor of the City of Heath, do hereby declare a Moment of Honor to be held at 3:25PM on Medal of Honor Day, March 25<sup>th</sup> as a time for all our citizens to remember those past and honor those living recipients of the Medal of Honor.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Heath, Texas, to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**

*Kelson Elam, Mayor*