

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2008 we will honor our fallen service men and women with solemn gratitude and with deep respect for those who have given their lives to protect and preserve our freedom; and,

WHEREAS, all El Paso County citizens understand and appreciate the sacrifices of their sons, daughters, husbands, wives, friends, and neighbors who have answered the call to serve and who died so we can live freely in this great democracy; and,

WHEREAS, these brave patriots have set a standard of courage and idealism that inspires all of us; and,

WHEREAS, all Americans pause on this day to grieve for those who have given their lives for freedom; and to give thanks to those who continue to serve in harm's way and to pray for their families, and for a lasting peace; and,

WHEREAS, on May 11, 1950 the President solemnly signed a joint resolution by Congress to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer and to call upon all Americans to pause at 3 p.m. to observe a National Moment of Remembrance; and,

WHEREAS, in honor of this day, Ft. Bliss National Cemetery will be holding a special ceremony on Memorial Day to honor those buried there.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the El Paso County Commissioner's Court hereby recognizes May 26, 2008 as:

“Memorial Day and for all El Paso County to observe a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m.”

SIGNED, this 12th of May 2008.

Commissioner Luis Sariñana, Pct. 1

Commissioner Veronica Escobar, Pct. 2

Commissioner Miguel A. Teran, Pct. 3

Commissioner Daniel R. Haggerty, Pct. 4

Anthony Cobos
County Judge
El Paso County