



EL PASO COUNTY  
STATE OF TEXAS  

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RESOLUTION



**WHEREAS**, on August 2, 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait's sovereignty and freedom with 100,000 Iraq troops; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 7, 1990, the United States and its allied forces were ordered to the theater by President Bush, launching operation Desert Shield – known also as “the line drawn in the sand”; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 29, 1990, the United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 678 setting a deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait no later than January 15, 1991, or face military action; and

**WHEREAS**, over 600,000 U.S. troops, some of which were called up Guard and Reserve members, including many from El Paso County, were called to action; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 1991, the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing use of military force to drive Iraq out of Kuwait; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 1991, U.S. ground forces led a ground attack against Iraq forces in Iraq and Kuwait; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 28, 1991, President Bush proclaimed a ceasefire of Operation Desert Storm and announced that U.S. and allied forces had accomplished all stated objectives in about 100 hours of ground combat; and

**WHEREAS**, Desert Storm veterans will never be forgotten for their commitment to protecting freedom; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court that February 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 be known as:

**“Desert Storm Veterans Day”**

**SIGNED**, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021

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*Commissioner Carlos Leon, Pct. 1*

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*Commissioner David Stout, Pct. 2*

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*Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3*

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*Commissioner Carl Robinson, Pct. 4*

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*Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge*