

Proclamation

I, Michael Durham, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Richwood, Texas, do hereby proclaim

September 13, 2025

As

“VOW 22 Day”

Whereas, on September 13th, 2025, VOW 22 will be showing support and bringing awareness to Veteran suicide during their event in Lake Jackson, our neighboring city; and

Whereas, VOW 22 is a group of friends, families, and Veterans that have all been affected by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in some way; and

Whereas, according to the VA’s Suicide Data Report in 2012 there was a national average of 22 suicides per day, or 8,000 a year; and in response to this alarming statistic, the **VOW 22 program** was founded to raise awareness, provide outreach, and support veterans in crisis, with its name honoring the 22 veterans a day once believed lost to suicide; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs’ most recent data show that in 2022, an average of **17 veterans died by suicide each day**, with a total of **6,407 lives lost** that year—reflecting progress, but still a devastating toll; and

WHEREAS, it is our solemn duty to honor the memory of those lost, support the families left behind, and strengthen resources for all who have served our nation.

Now Therefore, We the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Richwood do hereby proclaim September 13th, 2025, as “VOW 22 Day”, in the City of Richwood, Texas.

In Testimony whereof, witness my hand and the seal of the City of Richwood, this 8th day of September, A.D. 2025.

Michael Durham, Mayor
City of Richwood