

PROCLAMATION

**Honoring the Prairie View A&M University
Women's Softball Team and Coaching Staff
2026 SWAC Western Division Champions
*The Waller County Commissioner's Court***

WHEREAS Prairie View A&M University continues to stand as a beacon of excellence within Waller County and across the State of Texas, upholding a proud legacy of academic achievement, leadership, and athletic distinction; and

WHEREAS, the Prairie View A&M University Women's Softball Team has once again demonstrated extraordinary discipline, resilience, and competitive excellence by securing the 2026 Southwestern Athletic Conference Western Division Championship, marking their fourth consecutive division title and solidifying their legacy as a dominant force within the SWAC; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Head Coach Vernon Bland, the Lady Panthers and the Coaching Staff have built a championship culture rooted in preparation, accountability, and belief—qualities that have propelled the program to sustained success since their breakthrough title run in 2022; and

WHEREAS the Lady Panthers completed the 2026 regular season with a 27–17 overall record and an outstanding 19–4 conference record, showcasing consistency, teamwork, and the competitive spirit that defines Prairie View A&M athletics; and

WHEREAS, the program earned six major postseason honors, including Morgan Smith, who was named the 2026 SWAC Freshman of the Year, along with First Team selections Kayla Zaid and Kayla Adams, and Second Team honorees Dyani McKinley, Mia Nunez, and Caidence Martin; and

WHEREAS the Lady Panthers' achievements reflect not only athletic talent but also the character, determination, and unity that inspire pride throughout Prairie View A&M University, Waller County and Texas; and

WHEREAS the Lady Panthers entered the 2026 SWAC Championship Tournament as the top-seeded team, and while their journey concluded in the quarterfinals with a matchup against Jackson State University, the resilience, resolve, and championship mindset they displayed throughout the season position them for an even stronger return in the seasons ahead;

NOW, THEREFORE, that the Waller County Commissioner's Court on the recommendation of Commissioner Kendrick Jones of Precinct 3, do hereby proclaim that the Prairie View A&M University Women's Softball Team is formally recognized and honored for their historic four-peat, their outstanding representation of Prairie View A&M University, and their continued contribution to the pride and spirit of Waller County and the State of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proclamation be entered into the public record of Waller County and presented with gratitude, admiration and as a lasting tribute to their

historic season and enduring contribution to the legacy of Prairie View A&M University and Athletics.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Waller County Commissioners do hereby set my hand and cause the Seal of Waller County to be affixed this ____ day of _____, 2026.
Signed,

The Honorable Carbett "Trey" J. Duhon III
Waller County Judge

The Honorable John A. Amsler
Waller County Commissioner, Precinct 1

The Honorable Walter E. Smith
Waller County Commissioner, Precinct 2

The Honorable Kendric Jones
Waller County Commissioner, Precinct 3

The Honorable Justin Beckendorff
Waller County Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Ms. Debbie Hollan
County Clerk