

# Proclamation

## *Waller County Commissioner's Court*

### **Honoring The Prairie View A&M University Women's Golf Team 2026 Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament Champions**

**WHEREAS**, the Waller County Commissioners Court proudly recognizes and celebrates the extraordinary accomplishments of the Prairie View A&M University Women's Golf Team, who captured the 2026 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Women's Golf Championship, marking the first conference title in program history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lady Panthers' remarkable performance, held April 13–15, 2026, in Birmingham, Alabama, demonstrated outstanding skill, discipline, and teamwork as they captured the championship with a combined team total of 76-over-par after three rounds, leading the field from start to finish; and

**WHEREAS**, in his inaugural year as head coach, Kortland Ware provided exceptional leadership and vision, earning the honor of SWAC Women's Golf Coach of the Year, and was ably supported by Assistant Coach John Patrick Thornton, whose guidance, mentorship, and dedication played a vital role in the team's success; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 championship team roster includes Ariell Belser, Briann Elk Grove, Nevaeh Figueroa, Micaiah Joubert, Juliann Manalili, Kacey Menyoli, Kyra Peacock, Fernanda Rendon, and Madison Williams, each of whom contributed to this historic achievement through consistency, focus, and exemplary sportsmanship; and

**WHEREAS**, the outstanding performances of several team members merit special recognition, as Kacey Menyoli led the Lady Panthers with a tie for first individually at 16-over, while Nevaeh Figueroa, Micaiah Joubert, and Fernanda Rendon each finished tied for fifth at 20-over, and Madison Williams placed tied for sixteenth, together demonstrating the balance and depth that secured Prairie View A&M's championship victory; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lady Panthers began the tournament with an impressive 29-over team score, maintained their lead with another strong 29-over in Round 2, and closed with their best team round of 18-over to clinch the title, a display of focus and composure befitting champions; and

**WHEREAS** this historic championship represents more than athletic achievement—it embodies the pride, determination, and excellence that define Prairie View A&M University and the broader Waller County community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Waller County Commissioners Court, upon the recommendation of The Honorable Kendric D. Jones, County Commissioner, Precinct 3, does hereby extend its highest commendation to Head Coach Kortland Ware, Assistant Coach John Patrick Thornton, and the Prairie View A&M University Women's Golf Team for their outstanding achievement as the 2026 Southwestern Athletic Conference Champions, and for bringing distinction and honor to Prairie View A&M University and to Waller County, Texas.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this proclamation be entered into the public record 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 April 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:**

**The Honorable Debbie Hollan**  
County Clerk