

Proclamation

Waller County Commissioner's Court Honoring the Prairie View A&M University Panther Basketball Team, Coaches, and Staff

WHEREAS the Prairie View A&M University Panther Basketball Team, under the leadership of Head Coach Byron Smith, completed an historic season marked by discipline, excellence, and unity, proudly representing Prairie View A&M University and Waller County on the regional and national stage; and

WHEREAS the Panthers captured the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) West Division title and the Overall 2025 SWAC Championship over the Southern Jaguars at Gateway Center Arena at College Park on March 14, 2026, building on a legacy and vision of championship success and enhancing the culture of winning and high expectations at Prairie View A&M University Basketball; and

Team recognition

WHEREAS, the student-athletes of the Prairie View A&M University Panther Basketball Team have demonstrated outstanding perseverance, sportsmanship, and academic commitment, balanced the demands of competition and classroom while serving as role models for their peers and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, through their dedication to training, their resilience in adversity, and their unbreakable brotherhood, the Panthers earned the right to compete on the national stage in the NCAA Tournament "March Madness/Big Dance," bringing pride to the University, alumni, and Panther Nation everywhere; and

Coaches and staff recognition

WHEREAS the coaching staff assembled by Coach Smith has provided exceptional instruction, mentorship, and strategic leadership, contributing their expertise in player development, game planning, and character-building to ensure that the program excels both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS the supporting staff—including coordinators, strength and conditioning personnel, athletic trainers, equipment staff, operations staff, academic support staff, and all who work behind the scenes—have played an indispensable role in the team's success, ensuring that the athletes are prepared, healthy, and supported throughout the season; and

Community impact and resolve

WHEREAS, the collective efforts of the team, coaches, and staff have strengthened school spirit, elevated the visibility of Prairie View A&M University, and inspired youth and community members across Waller County and beyond to pursue excellence with courage and determination; 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 The Prairie View A&M University Panther Basketball Team, Coaches, and Staff for their remarkable achievements, championship character, and outstanding representation of Prairie View A&M University and Waller County, Texas; and

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