***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS****, On Sunday, December 7, 1941 the Imperial Japanese launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in an attempt to break the American will and destroy our Pacific Fleet. The attack left over 3,500 Americans killed or wounded and was the beginning of World War II; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *our service members valiantly answered the call by defending their positions, fighting back against our attackers, and caring for our wounded. The sacrifices made by the members of our armed forces and civilians to protect America and its people, will never be forgotten; and*

***WHEREAS****, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared December 7, 1941, a “date which will live in infamy”. In his official speech on December 8, 1941 he included, “No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory” and “With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph -- so help us God”; and;*

***WHEREAS,*** *On August 23, 1994, Congress, by Public Law 103-308, designated December 7 of each year as “National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day” authorizing and requesting the President to issue annually a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities and to urge all Federal agencies, and interested organizations, groups, and individuals to fly the flag at half-staff each December 7 in honor of the individuals who died as a result of their service at Pearl Harbor; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *Commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor will instill in all people of the United States a greater understanding and appreciation of the selfless sacrifice of the individuals who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE,*** *I, A.J. Hashmi, M.D., Mayor of the City of Paris, Texas do hereby proclaim December 7, 2013, as:*

***“NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY”***

*Further be it known that the citizens of Paris, Texas remember with eternal respect those who were injured or killed on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF****, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of December 2013.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A. J. Hashmi, M.D., Mayor Date