

State of Texas
County of Williamson
Know all men by these presents:

PROCLAMATION

That on the 18th day of September, 2012 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, with the following members present:

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge
Lisa L. Birkman, Commissioner Precinct One
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three
Ron Morrison, Commissioner Precinct Four

And at said meeting, among other business, the Court considered the following:

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This Commissioners Court Proclamation recognizes suicide as a public health problem, and designates the month of September as "Suicide Prevention Month" in Williamson County to coincide with the 2012 National Suicide Prevention Week of September 9th through September 15th.

WHEREAS, suicide is the 11th leading cause of all deaths in the United States equating to more than 36,000 suicides, or 1 suicide every 16 minutes; and

WHEREAS, suicide is now the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the State of Texas, and the 3rd leading cause of death among people from the age 15 to 24; and

WHEREAS, there were 49 suicides in Williamson County during 2011; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 4.6 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide); and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicides; and

WHEREAS, suicide is preventable and the stigma associated with being a consumer of mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention services should be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, statewide suicide prevention efforts have been and should continue to be developed and encouraged; and,

WHEREAS, we encourage local strategies to implement training for the recognition of at-risk behavior and for the delivery of effective treatment; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Association of Suicidology and community partners in the Williamson County Mental Health Task Force are dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and deaths, and the pain of survivors affected by suicides of loved ones, through education programs, intervention services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED; that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby proclaims the month of September, 2012 as:

“SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH”

PROCLAIMED THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012.

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge