

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Today, 15 percent of the total military forces in the United States is composed of women; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas possesses the largest population of Women Veteran in the United States; and

WHEREAS, estimates from the Veterans Administration shows that the number of women veterans will increase from 7.7 to a total of 12% of the total Veteran population by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is known that WILLIAMSON COUNTY alone can claim a total Woman Veteran population of over 4,517, the highest in the Central Texas area; and, achievements by Women Veterans have not been widely recognized, documented, or Honored; and

Whereas, the Texas Veterans Commission has developed a Women Veterans Program with the mission to support Women Veterans in Texas by helping them to obtain their federal and state Veteran Benefits, and by coordinating with local and community organizations to help recognize and support these Women Veterans; and

Whereas, the Texas Veterans Commission has set the following Goals for the Women Veterans Program:

- Coordinate support with Government and Non-Government Programs and Agencies in Texas
- Advocate Services for Women Veterans
- Raise Awareness of Veteran benefits and services to Women Veterans
- Increase support for Women Veterans throughout Texas and the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the Month of March, 2014, various organizations throughout Texas are hosting events to honor and encourage Women Veterans, such as the "Rock Your Camo for Women Veterans 5K March on March 8, 2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judge Dan A. Gattis, and the Williamson County Commissioners Court, in recognition of the importance of Women Veterans, do hereby proclaim March, 2014 to be

"WOMEN VETERANS MONTH"

In Williamson County, Texas and urge all citizens to show their support for all Women who have volunteered and successfully served in the US Military, Reserves and/or National Guard, in defense of our Nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have affixed my signature this 18th day of March, 2014.

Dan A Gattis, County Judge

ATTEST:

Nancy Rister, County Clerk, Williamson County, Texas
