

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Each year thousands of residents of Williamson County experience the trauma, pain, humiliation and personal and financial losses of being a victim of crime; and

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, Providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Victims and survivors of crime need and deserve consistent access to support and assistance that can help them cope with the short and long-term consequences of crime; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victim’s Rights Week, April 2nd – 8th, 2017, serves as a call for action and provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime are afforded their rights; and

WHEREAS, This year’s theme - Strength, Resilience, Justice - reflects a future in which all victims are strengthened by the response they receive, organizations are resilient to face challenges and communities are able to seek collective justice and healing; and

WHEREAS, The most important solution to address crime and victimization is a collective understanding of the devastating emotional, physical, financial, spiritual and social impact of crime on crime survivors, and a collective commitment to provide support and services to victims in need of help; and

WHEREAS, Victims and survivors of crime can gain strength from a wide range of supportive services offered by numerous community and justice system based programs, and the more than 32,000 Federal and State statutes that define and protect their rights; and

WHEREAS, We must remain united in our commitment to ensure that all crime victims and survivors are treated with compassion and respect, recognized as key participants within our systems of justice and afforded services that provide help and hope to them; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That for every “challenge” to effective victim assistance and services, we stand united in our commitment to develop solutions which ensure that victims and survivors of crime receive the support and services they need and deserve;

NOW THEREFORE, I, DAN A. GATTIS as County Judge of Williamson County, Texas do hereby proclaim the week of

APRIL 2 – 8, 2017

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK

And reaffirm Williamson County’s commitment to victim services and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims’ Rights Week and throughout the year; and to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to serving the needs of all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice and peace.

DAN A. GATTIS, COUNTY JUDGE

DATE