

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, air pollution threatens our environment, economy, and the health of Williamson County residents; and

WHEREAS, air pollution knows no geographic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, while air quality is improving in Central Texas, regional air pollution levels were considered “Moderate” or worse on more than a quarter of the days in 2016, according to the national Air Quality Index; and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people with lung disease, and people with heart disease, make up about two out of every five residents of Central Texas, and are particularly affected adversely by poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County advocates for public awareness about the quality of local and regional air quality and asks members of our community to take steps that reduce their exposure to air pollution, as well as, help reduce the emissions that contribute towards poor air quality in the region, such as cutting back on car trips, fueling cars either early in the morning or in the evening, and switching from a gas-powered lawnmower to an electric one, if possible; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County is a member of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition of the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) and supports the Coalition’s efforts to promote regional air quality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby declares May 1 - May 7, 2017, as Air Quality Awareness Week, and encourages our residents and employees to educate themselves about air quality, including through CAPCOG’s Air Central Texas (ACT) website www.aircentraltexas.org, and to promote air quality and its awareness within the community.

Signed on this date: _____

Dan Gattis, County Judge

Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct 1

Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct 3

Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct 2

Larry Madsen, Commissioner Precinct 4