

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

That on the 15th day of August, 2017 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse with the following members present:

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge
Terry Cook, Commissioner Precinct One
Cynthia P. Long, Commissioner Precinct Two
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct Three
Larry Madsen, Commissioner Precinct Four

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 2001, the international community has come to together every August 31st to commemorate family members, friends, and fellow citizens who have passed away due to drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, according to 2015 data from the Centers for Disease Control, there were 52,404 deaths, or 144 drug overdose deaths per day in the United States, which is an 11.4 percent increase in just one year; and

WHEREAS, Williamson County will hold Overdose Awareness Day on August 19, 2017 and will host a day to remember those who were lost, who are struggling, and who are in recovery; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day is committed to providing a platform to acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends who have lost loved ones to overdose and to raise awareness that the tragedy of overdose-related death is preventable; and

WHEREAS, drug overdose knows no limits; it does not recognize victims' race, religion, socio-economic status, or family ties; anyone can battle drug addiction and face a possible overdose; but, recognizing overdose warning signs enables and empowers families and friends to prevent overdose-related death by calling for help; and

WHEREAS, members of the community and organizations associated with drug abuse prevention and aid will work to remove the stigma associated with overdose-related deaths and reinforce the belief that no one should feel shame or disgrace due to an overdose-related death of a loved one; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as LifeSteps Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Texas Overdose Naloxone Initiative, Williamson County Emergency Medical Services and Mobile Outreach Team strive daily to make overdose and overdose-related deaths a thing of the past;

Now, therefore be it **PROCLAIMED**, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court declares August 19, 2017 as

Overdose Awareness Day

in Williamson County, Texas and ask residents to remember those who were lost, those who are struggling, and those who are in recovery.

Dan Gattis, County Judge

Nancy Rister, County Clerk