

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1882, Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacillus that causes tuberculosis (TB); and

WHEREAS, anyone can get TB, and although TB is preventable and curable, many people in the United States still suffer from this disease; and

WHEREAS, TB remains one of the world's leading infectious killers, being responsible for the deaths of nearly 1.7 million people each year and representing the ninth leading cause of death globally; and

WHEREAS, our current efforts to find and treat latent TB infection (LTBI) and TB disease is not sufficient, and misdiagnosis of TB still exists and health care professionals often do not consider the possibility of TB; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. theme for World TB Day 2018 is "Wanted: Leaders for a TB Free United States. We can make history. End TB.";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court hereby declares March 24, 2018, as World TB Day in Williamson County to bring attention to the issue of TB to our residents and medical professionals.

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