



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the 2017 ozone design value in the Austin-Round Rock MSA is 69 ppb which is 1 ppb below the National Ambient Air Quality for ground level ozone of 70ppb; and

WHEREAS, while air quality is improving in Central Texas, regional air pollution levels were considered “Moderate” or worse on more than 30% of days in 2017, 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 supports 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; 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 April 30 - May 4, 2018, as Air Quality Awareness Week in Williamson County, Texas, and encourages our residents and employees to educate themselves about air quality, including visiting 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