

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

That on the 15th day of May 2018 the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas met in duly called session at the Williamson County Courthouse, 710 Main Street, Georgetown, Texas, 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, the State of Texas, Office of the Governor recognizes that drug and alcohol abuse are barriers for many Texans in living successful and productive lives, but drug courts provide individuals the opportunity to change; and

WHEREAS, these court programs utilize a collaborative and coordinated system of court supervised treatment that promote public safety and ensures individual accountability, while helping the participants receive the treatment that they need to become productive members of our communities;

WHEREAS, the need exists for treatment courts, with estimates identifying that 63,600 Americans died of a drug overdose in 2016, 65% of all US inmates have a substance use disorder and the US spends \$80 Billion annually on incarceration; and

WHEREAS, drug courts are cost effective, as according to a study by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals shows drug courts can reduce recidivism and save taxpayers up to \$27 for every \$1 invested; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County DWI/Drug Court has been in existence for 11 years and has an 81% program success rate, with 481 participants and 354 successful graduates; and

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Veterans Treatment Court has been in existence for 5 years and has an 85% program success rate, with 96 participants and 41 successful graduates; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED; that the Williamson County Commissioners Court celebrate the promise of recovery and restored hope to drug court graduates and their families and recognizes May 2018 to be “**Drug Court Month**”.

PROCLAIMED THIS 15th DAY OF MAY 2018.

Dan A. Gattis, County Judge